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REPORT

BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SPALDING CLUB,

TO THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS, HELD AT ABERDEEN, ON SATURDAY, THE 21st DECEMBER, 1850.

THE Members will be pleased to learn, from the following brief statement, that the affairs of the Society still continue to thrive, and that its prospects were never more encouraging than at the present time.

During the past year, the Members have received—

I. MEMORIALLS OF THE TRUBLES IN SCOTLAND AND IN ENGLAND, from the year 1624 to the year 1645, by John Spalding. Volume first.

II. A Volume of LETTERS, ILLUSTRATIVE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN SCOTLAND, 1681–84, addressed to GEORGE, EARL OF ABERDEEN, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, is now almost completed at Press, under the charge of Mr. DUNN, and will speedily be delivered to the Members.

Both of these Works have been printed for the Club at the expense of individual Members. The former is the First Volume of a contribution by LORD SALTOUN, and the latter is a donation from SIR ROBERT ABERCROMBY, Bart.

The Members will readily appreciate the generous motives which prompted these munificent gifts, whereby the ordinary exertions of the Society have been so much strengthened, and its usefulness widened.

It is through these means that the Council have been enabled to make arrangements for proceeding with several undertakings which must otherwise have been of very slow progress, or have engrossed the whole of the ordinary revenue for a time.

First among these may be mentioned a new edition of the great historical poem of "THE BRUCE," by JOHN BARBOUR, Archdeacon of Aberdeen. The only inedited Manuscript of this work is in the Library of St. John's College at Cambridge, and it appears from a collation of it, which has been recently made, that from it, and the other Manuscript copies in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, a more correct text may be arranged than that of any existing edition.

The Council have been so fortunate as to obtain as Editor, Mr. COSMO INNES, Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh, who proposes to give ample literary and historical illustrations, which will greatly enhance the interest and value of the original work.

"THE HISTORY, CIVIL AND ECCLESIASTICALL, OF THE NORTHERN PARTS OF BRITAIN, NOW CALLED SCOTLAND," by Mr. THOMAS INNES, Author of the well-known "Critical Essay on the Ancient Inhabitants of Scotland," is now at Press, under the superintendence of Mr. GRUB.

A Volume of SELECTIONS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE BURGH OF ABERDEEN has begun to be printed; to be edited by the SECRETARY.

The transcripts made from the Charters and other documents belonging to the University and King's College of Aberdeen have now been completed, and the Printing of the Work, which is to be presented to the Members by the Earl of Aberdeen, will forthwith be commenced. It is to be edited by Mr. INNES.

The second and concluding volume of "THE MEMORIALS" of JOHN SPALDING, contributed to the Club by Lord Saltoun, will be sent to press in the course of the ensuing year.

The attention of the Members has been directed on a former occasion to the desirableness of obtaining correct drawings of the sculptured stone monuments in the north-eastern district, with the view of having them lithographed for the Club. There can be no question of the value of such a work, in affording the means of classifying and comparing these with similar records of the early inhabitants of the country in other districts. With the view, therefore, of forming a fund for the purpose of hereafter carrying out this design, either by the Club alone, or jointly with other parties, the Council have set apart a sum of One Hundred and Ten Pounds, which has been placed in Bank on this account.

The following Works, some of which have been adverted to in previous Reports, seem suitable for the purposes of the Club. The materials for the greater part of them have been already arranged, and they can be proceeded with, as the circumstances of the Society will permit:—

I. A Selection from the Charters of the Earl of Rothes and Colonel Leslie of Balquhain, as well as other sources, illustrative of the History of the ancient House of Leslie.

II. The Charters of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas and of the Monasteries in Aberdeen.

III. A Volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff."

IV. A Volume of Miscellaneous Documents.

V. A History of the Family of Innes, with a selection from the Charters of the Duke of Roxburghe, illustrative of that Family, and of North Country History generally.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS—1850.

We, the Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of THE SPALDING CLUB, report that the Treasurers have exhibited to us a detailed account of their intromissions with the Funds of the Club from 18th December, 1849, to 19th December, 1850; that we have examined the said account and relative vouchers, and find the same correct; and that the following is an accurate Abstract of the Receipt and Expenditure during the above period :—

Abstract of the Receipt and Expenditure of THE SPALDING CLUB *from 18th December, 1849, to 19th December, 1850.*

THE RECEIPT.

Balance due by the Treasurers on Account ending 18th December, 1849	£59	18	9½
Received Subscriptions from Members during current year, per Cash Book	381	3	0
Received from entering Members for sets of the Club's Volumes	42	0	0
	£483	1	9½

THE EXPENDITURE.

Paid for Paper for Thomas Innes' History	£33	11	6
Paid for Paper for Volume III. of Burgh Records	29	15	0
Paid for Paper for Barbour's Bruce	56	16	0
Paid to Account for Printing Volume VII. of Extracts from Burgh Records	20	0	0
Paid to Account for Printing Thomas Innes' History	20	0	0
Paid for Miscellaneous Printing and Lithographing for 1850	9	9	4
Paid for Binding Volume IV. of Miscellany of Club	23	10	2
Paid for Miscellaneous Binding	5	10	4
Paid for various Transcripts	10	5	6
Paid to Account for Editing Barbour's Bruce	52	10	0
Paid for Delivering Volumes and Collecting Subscriptions	14	16	7
Paid for Stationery and other Incidents	8	1	7
Paid for Travelling Charges and Miscellaneous	14	6	1
Paid for Postages and Parcels	4	13	5
Paid Mr. John Davidson for Transcribing Manuscripts, Collating same, Addressing Volumes, and General Trouble connected with the Club	26	0	0
Paid for Volumes to complete sets to New Members, and for various Volumes required for the use of Club	32	14	0
Amount Deposited in North of Scotland Bank, to be applied in Illustrating the Sculptured Stone Monuments of the North-Eastern Counties	110	0	0
Balance due by the Treasurers on this Account	11	2	3½
	£483	1	9½

The Arrears on the Treasurers' List amount to £15 15s.

WM. SKINNER.
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ABERDEEN, 20th December, 1850.

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I. HISTORY of SCOTS AFFAIRS from 1637 to 1641, by James Gordon, parson of Rothiemay, Vol. I. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq., and George Grub, Esq. R. & G.

II. MISCELLANY of the Spalding Club, Vol. I. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Advocate, Secretary of the Club. S.

III. HISTORY of SCOTS AFFAIRS, Vol. II. Edited by Messrs. Robertson and Grub. R. & G.

IV. DESCRIPTION of bothe TOUNS of ABERDEEN, by James Gordon, parson of Rothiemay, 1661. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq., Sheriff of Moray. I.

V. HISTORY of SCOTS AFFAIRS, Vol. III. Edited by Messrs. Robertson and Grub. R. & G.

VI. MISCELLANY of the Spalding Club, Vol. II. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Advocate. S.

VII. EXTRACTS from the PRESBYTERY BOOK of STRATHBOGIE, A. D. M.DC.XXXI. — M.DC.LIV. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Advocate. S.

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IX. COLLECTIONS for a HISTORY of the SHIRES of ABERDEEN and BANFF, One Volume. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq. Presented to the Club by its noble President, the Earl of Aberdeen. Gift.

X. An ABRIDGEMENT of BRITANE'S DISTEMPER from 1639 to 1649, by Patrick Gordon of Ruthven. Edited by John Dunn, Esq., Advocate. D.

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XVIII. EXTRACTS from the COUNCIL REGISTER of the BURGH of ABERDEEN, 1570—1625. Vol. II. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Advocate. S.

XIX. MISCELLANY of the Club, Vol. IV. Edited by John Stuart, Esq , Advocate. S

XX. MEMORIALLS of the TRUBLES in SCOTLAND. A.D. 1624—1645, Vol. I. Edited by John Stuart. Esq., Advocate. Gift. S.

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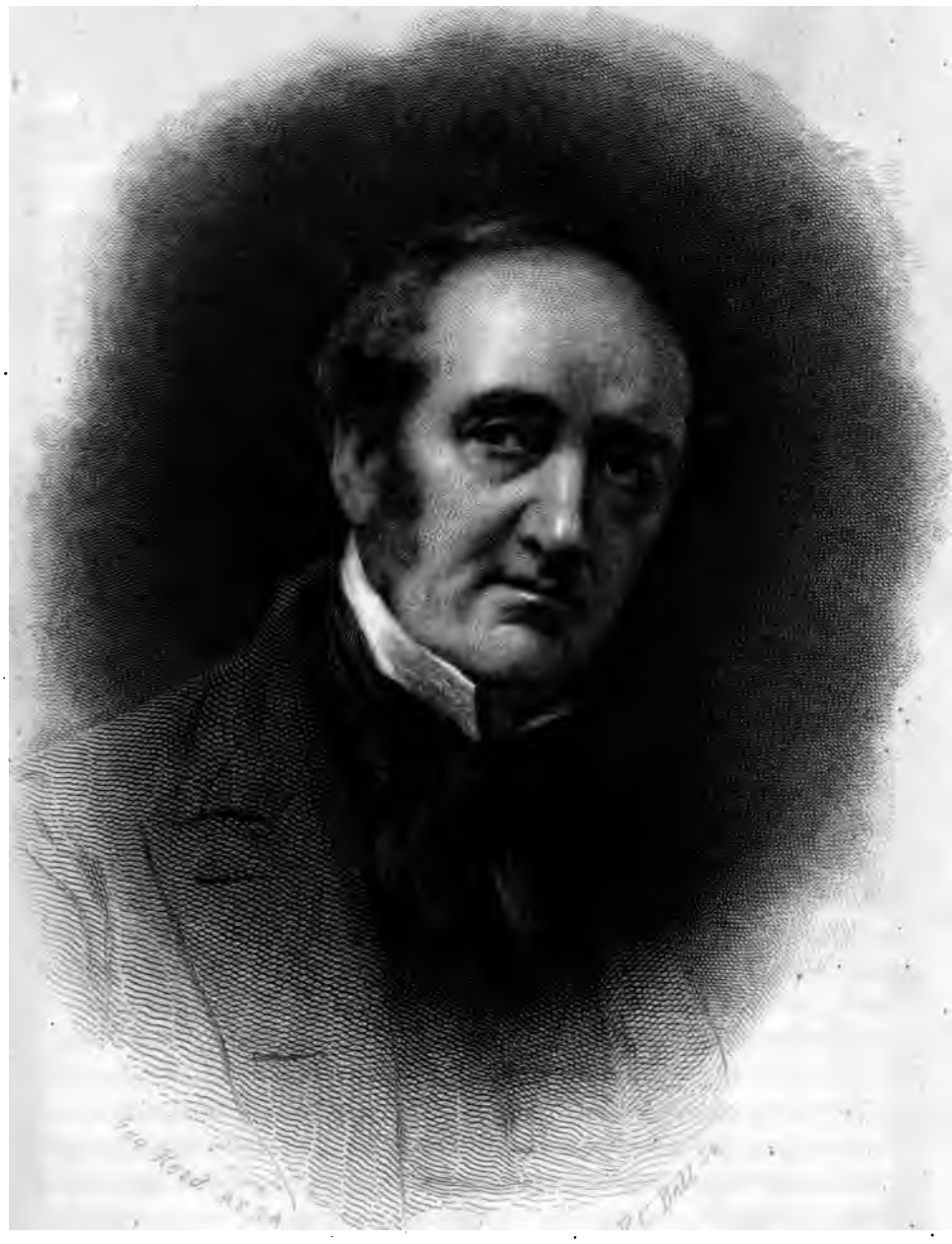

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The Spalding Club.

THE idea of establishing such a Society as THE SPALDING CLUB at Aberdeen was first broached in a conversation between Mr. Joseph Robertson and Mr. John Stuart, at Edinburgh, in the autumn of 1839, and it was further discussed in the course of a written correspondence which ensued.

At this time Mr. Robertson's head-quarters were in Edinburgh; but soon after he came to reside in Aberdeen for the purpose of editing the "Aberdeen Constitutional."

The plan of the proposed institution having been sufficiently matured, an advertisement in the following terms was inserted in the Aberdeen newspapers of December 1839:—

"*Aberdeen, 5th December* 1839.

"It is proposed to establish a club, on the model of the Bannatyne, Maitland, and Camden Clubs, and the Surtees Society, for the publication of the Historical, Genealogical, Topographical, and Literary remains of the north-eastern counties of Scotland. The chief objects of the Society would be the publication of inedited manuscripts, and the reprinting of works of sufficient rarity and importance to make such reprints desirable. The district to which the attention of the Club would be first directed comprehends the shires of Aberdeen, Banff, and the Mearns. This field, abounding with highly interesting and valuable materials, has not hitherto been explored.

"From the warm encouragement which the proposal of forming such a

club has received from many gentlemen of learning and influence, there can be little doubt that a number of Members will speedily come forward sufficient to secure the success of the institution.

"A preliminary meeting will be held in the Royal Hotel, at three o'clock P.M., on Monday the 23d December, when gentlemen favourable to the proposed Club are invited to attend.

"In the meantime, any suggestions or communications may be addressed to John Stuart, Esq., Advocate, 3 Queen Street, who has consented to act as interim secretary."

With the view of making the objects of the proposed Society more widely known, Mr. Robertson prepared a statement, which appeared in the "Constitutional" of 18th December 1839, in the following terms:—

"THE SPALDING CLUB."

"Such, we believe, is one of the names talked of for the proposed club for the publication of the Literary, Historical, Genealogical, and Topographical remains of the north-eastern counties of Scotland. 'The Raban Club' has, we understand, also been suggested, in memory of the first printer in Aberdeen; and probably other and better designations may yet be struck out. In the meantime, we do not suppose there can be any harm in making a temporary use of the name of the best of our local historians—perhaps the most graphic of all our Scottish annalists—to head a few hurried explanations which we are requested to make as to the plan and object of the projected institution.

"The model which it is proposed to adopt is nearly that of the Camden Society. A payment of a guinea a-year, or of such sum as shall be determined at the general meeting, will constitute a member. For this payment he will receive a copy of every work printed by the Club; and the number of copies printed will be strictly confined to the number of members. The duty of selecting and editing the works will be entrusted to the council, who will be chosen yearly by the whole members.

"There is no district in Scotland, we believe, which so much abounds in interesting materials, or which has been so much neglected, as the three counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and the Mearns, which the Club has chosen as the field of its labours in the meantime.

"One great object of the Society will be to bring to light manuscripts which, as yet, remain in obscurity; and we learn that, since the thing was announced, promise has been afforded that far more will be accomplished in this way than was anticipated. But even the publication of the inedited stores which are known to exist would be a most desirable boon.

"The Topographical remains are very numerous. An interesting History of Aberdeenshire, by Sir Samuel Forbes of Foveran, has remained in MS. for more than a century. In the Macfarlane MSS., in the Advocates' Library at Edinburgh, there are preserved descriptions of nearly all the parishes in the three counties, drawn up by the ministers or landed gentry, about the year 1720. In the same great repository there is a copy of a Description of Old and New Aberdeen, written about the year 1661, by James Gordon, minister of Rothiemay, son of the well-known Robert Gordon of Straloch. Many minute and elaborate maps of the counties and their divisions, by the same accomplished topographers, are extant. There is also preserved, we believe, a very curious Tax Roll, showing the names of every householder in Aberdeenshire, and the number of persons in his household, in the end of the seventeenth century.

"The materials for illustrating the civil and ecclesiastical history of the three shires are still more copious. In the King's College Library is a MS. History of Scots Affairs from 1638 to 1641, by James Gordon of Rothiemay, which, in interest, almost rivals Spalding's Troubles. There is not a parish within their bounds of whose ancient state something is not recorded in the chartularies of Aberdeen, Murray, Saint Andrews, Arbroath, Coupar, Kelso, and Lindores. The chartularies of Aberdeen are peculiarly instructive; and, like the other chartularies, they not only illustrate ecclesiastical affairs, but contain numberless genealogical and historical details. The collections made by the late General Hutton, for a Monastic History of Scot-

land, are preserved in the Advocates' Library, and contain much of interest regarding the monasteries in this quarter. Among Roger Dodsworth's MS. in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge, is a collection of the Charters of the ancient Abbey of Deer.

"Private charter-chests in this county, we have heard, contain many curious documents regarding the Priory of Monymusk, and the Hospital of Turriff. Perhaps a relic still more important than all these is the Missal of Arbuthnott, the property of the Lord Viscount Arbuthnott. We need hardly state that the records of our Synods, Presbyteries, and Kirk-Sessions contain not only ample illustrations of ecclesiastical affairs after the Reformation, but many most curious details of the state of society and manners.

"The Club would, of course, devote much of its attention to the Sheriff-Court Records of the three shires, abounding not only in legal antiquities, but in genealogical, historical, and topographical topics. Much would also be drawn from the Town-Council Records of the city of Aberdeen, and the town of Banff, and from the records of the many Regality and Barony Courts which have descended to us.

"In genealogy, there remain to be printed, histories of the families of Leslie, Irvine, Urquhart, Innes, Gordon, Forbes, Arbuthnott, Strachan, Fraser, Ross, Chalmers, etc. etc. etc.

"The works which deserve to be reprinted are very numerous, but we have space only to allude to one or two. Of the very curious Aberdeen Breviary, printed in 1509, only four copies are known to exist. The copy in the Advocates' Library, of 'Ane descriptioun of Well of the Woman-hill besyde Aberdeen, 1581,' is believed to be unique. There are besides the rare and early works of Aberdeen writers, such as Boece, Wedderburn, Arthur Johnstone, John Johnston, Principal Howie, John Leech, David Leech, Guild, Principal Gray, Gordon of Straloch, etc. The numerous panegyrics on the two universities of Aberdeen are not only of singular rarity, but of great interest, and many instructive documents regarding the state of our colleges remain in MS.

"It is with much pleasure that we learn that so many noblemen and

gentlemen have already expressed their eagerness to join the Club, that its success may be considered beyond any doubt. The meeting for its formation will he held in the Royal Hotel here, on Monday first, at three o'clock."

At the Meeting held on 23d December, the Society was formally constituted, and the following is a record of the proceedings :—

The Spalding Club.

AT A NUMEROUS MEETING, CALLED BY PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT, AND HELD IN THE ROYAL HOTEL, ABERDEEN, ON THE 23D DAY OF DECEMBER 1839,

On the motion of WILLIAM ANNAND, Esq. of Belmont.

The Honourable the LORD PROVOST was unanimously called to the Chair.

Communications were made to the Meeting on the part of the Earl of ABERDEEN, Viscount ARBUTHNOTT, the Hon. WALTER, Master of Forbes, Captain the Hon. WILLIAM GORDON, M.P., Sir ROBERT DALRYMPLE HORN ELPHINSTONE of Logie Elphinstone, T. A. DUFF, Esq. of Haddo, General BYRES of Tonley, Colonel TURNER of Menie, Mr. Sheriff WATSON, Dr. MELVIN, Rector of the Grammar School, JOHN W. MACKENZIE, Esq., W.S., ROBERT PITCAIRN, Esq., W.S., etc. etc., expressive of their regret at being unable to attend, and of their concurrence in the formation of the proposed Club.

The following resolutions were then severally proposed to the Meeting, and unanimously agreed to :—

Moved by HUGH LUMSDEN, Esq. of Pitcaple, seconded by the Very Rev. WILLIAM JACK, D.D., Principal of King's College and University,

I. That this meeting do resolve itself into a Society, to be called "THE SPALDING CLUB," for Printing the Historical, Ecclesiastical, Topographical, Genealogical, and Literary Remains of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland.

Moved by ALEXANDER THOMSON, Esq. of Banchory, seconded by ALEXANDER HADDEN, Esq., younger of Persley,

II. That the following Rules be adopted for the management of the affairs of the Society.

1. The name of the Society shall be "The Spalding Club, for the Printing of the Historical, Ecclesiastical, Genealogical, Topographical, and Literary Remains of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland."

2. The objects of the Club shall be the Printing of inedited Manuscripts, and the Reprinting of Works of sufficient rarity and importance to make such Reprints desirable.

3. The Club shall consist of Members being subscribers of One Guinea annually; such subscription to be paid in advance, on or before the first day of January in each year.

4. The management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a President, a Vice-President, and a Council of Thirty-one Members, all to be chosen yearly by the Club at large, at a General Meeting, to be held at Aberdeen on the 22d day of December, or on the Monday following, when the 22d of December shall fall upon a Sunday.

5. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer, along with nine other Members, from their own number, who shall form a Committee of the Council, and shall determine on the works to be printed by the Club, and superintend the arrangements necessary to the production thereof; the Meetings of the Committee shall be open to all the Members of the Club.

6. The accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Club shall be audited annually by three Auditors, to be elected at the General Meeting from among the Members, and the Report of the Auditors, with an Abstract of the Accounts, shall be printed and circulated among the Members.

7. The names of Members proposed to be elected as President, Vice-President, Councillors, and Auditors, shall be transmitted by the proposers to the Secretary, at least one month before the General Meeting, and lists of the persons so proposed shall be forwarded by the Secretary, at least a fortnight before the General Meeting, to all the Members.

8. Members may vote at the General Meeting by proxy; but no Member whose subscription is in arrear shall be entitled to vote.

9. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Council, at their meetings, shall elect a Chairman, who, beside his own deliberative vote, shall have a casting vote in case of equality of numbers.

10. The Funds of the Club shall be expended in the payment of the expenses necessary to the printing of the works of the Club.

11. After the Members of the Club shall have reached the number of three hundred, vacancies shall be filled up by the Council, from time to time, as they occur.

12. Every Member not in arrear of his annual Subscription shall receive one copy of every work printed by the Club.

13. Members who are disposed to contribute works at their own expense shall be invited to do so, such works having been submitted to the Council and approved of by them before being sent to press.

14. The editors of the works to be printed by the Club shall be chosen by the Committee of the Council, and shall be entitled to receive a certain number of copies of the work edited by them, at the discretion of the Committee.

15. The number of works printed shall be limited to the number of Members of the Club, except when it shall be determined by the Committee to print an additional number, and no work printed by the Club shall be exposed by them for sale.

16. Members of the Club may, at any time, compound for their future annual subscriptions by payment of Ten Guineas over and above their subscription for the current year; and any Member who shall present to the Club a work, which is sanctioned by the Committee, shall be ever afterwards exempt from any annual subscription.

17. Any member of the Club, who, after the expiry of three years from his admission, shall intimate to the Council his desire to withdraw from the same, or who shall be two years in arrear of his annual subscription, shall thereupon cease to be a member.

18. The Committee of the Council may appoint local Secretaries in such places and with such powers as to them shall seem expedient, every Local Secretary being a Member of the Club.

19. The Council may enact Bye-laws for its own government.

20. No alteration shall be made on these laws, except at a General Meeting of the Club, nor then, unless at least one month's notice of the change to be proposed at such meeting shall have been given in writing to the Secretary.

Moved by ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Esq., M.P., seconded by CHARLES CHALMERS, Esq. of Monkshill,

III. That the Right Hon. the Earl of ABERDEEN be elected *President* of the Club.

Moved by the Right Rev. Bishop SKINNER, seconded by WILLIAM KNIGHT, Esq., LL.D., Marischal College.

IV. That the Right Hon. Viscount ARBUTHNOTT be elected *Vice-President* of the Club.

Moved by the Rev. ALEX. JOHN FORSYTH, LL.D., Belhelvie, seconded by ALEXANDER STRONACH, Esq. of Drumallan,

V. That the following gentlemen be elected *Councillors* of the Club for the ensuing year :—

The Honourable the LORD PROVOST of Aberdeen.
ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Esq., M.P.
JOHN BLAIKIE, Esq. of Craigiebuckler, Advocate.
General BYRES of Tonley.
DAVID CHALMERS, Esq. of Westburn.
THOMAS ABERCROMBY DUFF, Esq. of Haddo.
Sir ROBERT DAL. H. ELPHINSTONE of Logie Elphinstone.
The Rev. JAMES FARQUHARSON, LL.D., F.R.S., Alford.
The Hon. WALTER, Master of Forbes.
The Rev. ALEXANDER JOHN FORSYTH, LL.D. Belhelvie.
Captain the Hon. WILLIAM GORDON, M.P.
WILLIAM GORDON, Esq. of Fyvie.
GEORGE GRUB, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen.
The Very Rev. WILLIAM JACK, D.D., Principal of King's College.
ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, Esq. of Viewfield, W.S.
WILLIAM KNIGHT, Esq., LL.D. Marischal College.
The Rev. ALEXANDER LOW, Keig, Cor. Mem. S.A. Scot.
HUGH LUMSDEN, Esq. of Pitcaple.
JOHN WHITEFOORD MACKENZIE, Esq., W.S., M.R.S.N.A.
WILLIAM M'COMBIE, Esq. of Easter Skene.
The Rev. JAMES MELVIN, LL.D., Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen.
ROBERT PITCAIRN, Esq., W.S., F.S.A. Scot.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.
Professor HERCULES SCOTT, King's College.
The Right Rev. Bishop SKINNER.
ALEXANDER SMITH, Esq. of Glenmillan, President of the Society of Advocates.
JOHN STUART, Esq., Advocate, Cor. Mem. S.A. Scot. and Hon. Mem. Perth Lit. and Ant. Soc.
The Rev. ALEXANDER TAYLOR, Leochell-Cushnie.
ALEXANDER THOMSON, Esq. of Banchory.
THOS. THOMSON, Esq., P.C.S., President of the Bannatyne Club.
WILLIAM WATSON, Esq., Sheriff-Substitute of Aberdeenshire.

Moved by DAVID CHALMERS, Esq. of Westburn, seconded by WILLIAM M'COMBIE, Esq. of Easter Skene,

VI. That JOHN STUART, Esq., Advocate, be elected *Secretary* of the Club.

Moved by ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, Esq. of Viewfield, W.S., seconded by JAMES EDMOND, Esq., Advocate,

VII. That JOHN BLAIKIE, Esq., Advocate, be elected *Treasurer* of the Club.

Moved by ALEXANDER BLACKIE, Esq., Banker, seconded by ALEXANDER GORDON, Esq., Advocate,

VIII. That the thanks of the meeting be voted to the Interim Secretary and other originators of the Club.

THO. BLAIKIE, *Chairman.*

Moved by ALEX. SMITH, Esq. of Glenmillan, seconded by the Rev. ALEX. LOW of Keig, and carried by acclamation,

That the thanks of the meeting be voted to the Lord Provost, for his conduct in the Chair.

JOHN STUART, *Secretary.*

ABERDEEN, 3 QUEEN STREET, 23*d December* 1839.

At this time it was proposed to limit the Members to 300; but this number having speedily been filled up, it was resolved at a meeting of the Club, held on 27th March 1840, to extend the limit to 500.

At the ensuing Annual Meeting of the Club in December 1840, the Report announced that the number of 500 had been nearly

attained; and that the Committee of the Council having resolved to print, as the first work of the Club, the History of Scots Affairs from 1637 to 1641, by James Gordon, parson of Rothiemay, edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson and Mr. George Grub, the first volume of that work was now presented to the Members.

At this meeting it was resolved that the number of Vice-Presidents should be increased to five.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Council of the Club, held on the 12th of June 1841, a Report was submitted on the progress of the Club, from which it appeared that the full number of 500 Members had been attained, and many additional applications for admission had since been received.

The subsequent proceedings of the Club will be gathered from the Annual Reports submitted to the Members, which are reprinted in this volume. (Appendix I.)

A list is also printed of all those who have been at any time enrolled as Members, distinguishing those who have, since the date of their admission, ceased to be Members, by death or otherwise, by an asterisk prefixed to their names. (Appendix II.)

The works which have been printed by the Club are enumerated in a detailed list, distinguishing those volumes which have been printed at the private expense of some of the Members. (Appendix III.)

It is needless, therefore, in this place, to do more than advert to a few of the circumstances which contributed to the success of the Club. That success has greatly exceeded the expectations of those with whom it originated. Among various causes which led to this result, the most obvious was the richness of the field in which its work was set.

The interest taken by the Earl of Aberdeen was also of essential

service in the establishment of the Club; and he never ceased to forward its objects so long as he lived. His contribution of two important volumes to the Members, at his own expense, forms an enduring monument of his munificence. But his influence and advice, which were always at the service of the Club, were not less useful in promoting its welfare.

As an instance of this, the following letter from Lord Aberdeen to the Secretary is quoted:—

"*Haddo House, Dec.* 7, 1846.

"My dear Sir—If my attendance at the Anniversary Meeting of the Spalding Club could be of any real service to the Society, or if any important question were under discussion, on which my presence and opinion might be supposed to have some weight, I would endeavour to make my appearance on the 22d. But, as I have not hitherto attended these Meetings, I do not think that for the purpose of mere routine business it can be necessary for me to do so now. My dislike to anything of this kind has much increased.

"If you think proper, you may announce to the Meeting my intention of presenting another volume to the Society, which I trust will prove my interest in its welfare as effectually as if I had presided on the occasion.

"It may perhaps be as well not to mention the subject of the volume, but only that I was making preparations for the purpose.

"I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you here soon, but am a little uncertain about my own movements at present, and will take an early opportunity of proposing to you to come when you may have a few days to spare, and I am myself more settled.—Believe me, my dear Sir, very truly yours, ABERDEEN.

"J. Stuart, Esq."

It was through his Lordship that His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort came to know of the Society, and to be interested in its labours, and it was in the following letter from Lord

Aberdeen to the Secretary that the Prince's intention to become the Patron of the Club was intimated :—

"*Argyll House, Dec.* 7, 1848.

"My dear Sir—I am happy to inform you that you may announce to the Club, at their Annual Meeting, the gratifying fact that Prince Albert will become its Patron. His Royal Highness has been pleased to say that his interest in the objects of the Club will be increased by his personal connection with the district.

"I am obliged to you for your kindness respecting Sir Robert Gordon's *Genealogical Tables*, which I hope to receive shortly, and which I propose to present to the Duke of Sutherland.

"I shall not lose sight of some attempt to decipher Brodie's MS., but the matter is not urgent.—Ever truly yours, ABERDEEN.

"John Stuart, Esq."

The interest which the Prince Consort took as Patron was not a transient one; and in the course of his address to the British Association at Aberdeen, as its President, in 1859, he was pleased to refer to the useful results of the Club's labours in the following terms :—

"The Spalding Club, founded in this city for the preservation of the Historical and Literary Remains of the north-eastern counties of Scotland, is honourably known by its important publications."*

The Society was fortunate in obtaining, not merely the literary services, but the warm sympathy of editors, without whom the mine, however rich, could not have been worked out.

Among these was Mr. Cosmo Innes, who attached himself to the Club at an early period, and, as one of the Council, added to it the weight of his reputation as among the first of Scottish Record

* The Principal Speeches and Addresses of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, p. 208. Lond. 1862.

scholars, while he afterwards edited several of the Club's most important volumes.

Mr. John Dunn was also a faithful friend of the Club. He edited two of its volumes; and, if he had been spared to longer life, the fruits of his zeal would have been still more abundant.

Dr. George Grub has been a member of the Council from the outset. He acted with Mr. Robertson as joint editor of Gordon's History of Scots Affairs, and he was the sole editor of a work of great importance—"The Civil and Ecclesiastical History of Scotland, by Thomas Innes," his labours on which have since culminated in his Ecclesiastical History of Scotland, a work which has already taken its place in the literature of Scotland as one of which it is hard to say whether its learning or its impartiality be greatest.

Mr. David Laing, LL.D., to whom the historical literature of Scotland owes so much, has for many years been on the Council, and edited for the Club the curious volume of the "Diary of the Laird of Brodie."

To all of these gentlemen the Club has been greatly indebted; but the Member to whom it owes most of all is Mr. Joseph Robertson. As has been said, he was one of its originators. At its institution his aid and advice on all points of detail were of the highest value, and in everything of moment connected with its progress Mr. Robertson was consulted as long as he lived. The services which he rendered as one of the editors have already been referred to.

There were other two Members whose interest in the Club, especially at its outset, was most conducive to its progress, the late Mr. Thomson of Banchory, and Professor William Knight, LL.D., of Marischal College.

The management of the financial arrangements of the Club has been conducted throughout by Mr. John Ligertwood, advocate, the

sheriff-clerk of the county, who, amid the frequent pressure of professional calls, has acted as Treasurer almost from the outset, and discharged his duties with unvarying kindliness and care.

After a time, as not unfrequently happens in such institutions, the arrangements of the Club fell mainly to be carried on by the Secretary. It devolved on him to examine the charter-rooms which were opened to research, and to select the materials suitable for the books of the Club. He had also to suggest to Members the contribution of extra volumes, at times when the ordinary resources of the Club were absorbed by works of unusual expense; and, generally, to arrange all details connected with the production of the volumes, and the keeping up of the number of the Members. He has also acted as editor of fifteen of the Club volumes.

In the autumn of 1853 he removed from Aberdeen to Edinburgh, to fill an office in the General Register House. In a letter from Lord Aberdeen to him on this subject, dated Downing Street, August 12, 1853, his Lordship writes:—"I do not know what duties this may entail upon you; but I hope that nothing will take place to interfere with your services to the 'Club;' or to deprive me of the pleasure of frequently seeing you in the North."

At the institution of the Club, the ideas entertained of its duration were rather indistinct; but it was not anticipated that its term of existence could have been so prolonged as it has been. It is of the nature of all such bodies to have a limited period of activity and sphere of work. Several societies instituted about the same time as the Spalding Club, and with kindred objects, came to an end within seven or eight years after their origin; and thirty years is a long life to a printing club.

The list of Members will show how sadly diminished by death is the number of those who, by their united sympathy, gave an

impulse to the Club in its early years; although, in many instances, the places of the departed have been occupied by their representatives. Still, in all such cases, the principle of cohesion inevitably relaxes, especially in the sight of what, in the case of the Spalding Club, might be esteemed an accomplished work. What has been achieved is something definite and practical. Large contributions have been made towards the illustration of the Historical, Ecclesiastical, Genealogical, Topographical, and Literary Records of the north-eastern counties. Many scattered and unknown documents, and many valuable manuscripts, known only to the curious, have been brought within the reach of the many who are now occupied in historical research.

Perhaps the most important volumes of the Club are "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland," a work of such magnitude and expense that it could not have been accomplished by the ordinary resources of the Society.

It was in such a case that the contribution of extra volumes, by Members, proved of the greatest service, by allowing a portion of the ordinary income to be devoted for a time exclusively to one object. It was thus that the Club was able to meet the expense of the first volume of the Sculptured Stones, while for the adequate illustration of the second, an extra fund was raised by some of the Members, supplemented by a grant from the Committee of the Archæological Exhibition held at Aberdeen in the year 1859. It may be of some interest to the Members to know that the total amount expended on the works issued by the Club exceeds £13,000.

It has been no small gratification to those engaged in the conduct of the Society, to be assured, from time to time, by several prominent writers of the present day, that, as historical materials, the books of the Club have proved of the most essential service.

With such a retrospect, the task of bringing to a close that which for thirty years has occupied so much of the thoughts of its originators, is not without some of those feelings which gather around the serene end of a goodly old age. Amid much, however, of real gratification at the result accomplished, there is no little sadness in contemplating the loss of so many whose sympathies drew them into the brotherhood of the Club in its infancy, and cheered those who held the working oar.

There exists an especial sadness, to which he can only allude, to the survivor of the two friends with whom the Club originated, that he to whom it owed so much in its origin and in its progress is not beside him to witness its calm and prosperous end; and that all that now remains for him is, to bear testimony to those qualities of his departed friend which conduced so much to the welfare of the Society. The volumes which Mr. Robertson edited for the Club, as well as those which he contributed to other kindred bodies, will, however, be a more enduring memorial of him than any words; while, perhaps, they only shadow out other and greater works which might have been expected from him if he had been spared, and of which he certainly was capable.

JOHN STUART.

December 1869.

The farther proceedings with reference to the erection of a memorial cross over the grave of Joseph Robertson, the presentation to the Secretary of his portrait and of a piece of plate, and the final dissolution of the Society, are fully set forth in the narrative of the annual meetings of 21st December 1869 and 23d December 1870, which will be found in the Appendix No. I. to this volume.

J. S.

January 1871.

APPENDIX I.

REPORTS BY THE COUNCIL OF THE SPALDING CLUB.

I.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Tuesday the 22d December 1840.

The VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOTT in the Chair.

IT is with great pleasure that the Council have to report that the affairs of the Club are in a highly prosperous condition. Only twelve months have elapsed since its establishment in December last. At that time the number of Members was restricted to 300; but so many applications for admission were submitted to the Council, that it became necessary to extend the limits of the Society, so as to admit 500 Members. This number, very far exceeding the most sanguine expectations of those who took a part in the formation of the Club, has already been nearly completed; and there is every reason to think, that the few vacancies which yet remain will be speedily filled up. Much of this success must be attributed to the favourable field offered for the labours of the Society, presenting, perhaps, a district richer in historical and literary remains than any other in Scotland; and much is to be ascribed to the exertions of the noble and distinguished President, of the Local Secretaries, and of many individual Members.

After mature deliberation, the Committee of the Council resolved to print, as the first work of the Club, the "History of Scots Affairs, from 1637 to 1641, by James Gordon, Parson of Rothiemay." The Committee have entrusted the editing of this work to Joseph Robertson, Esq., and George Grub, Esq. The first volume is now presented to the meeting; the

second and third volumes are in the press, and will speedily be delivered. The Council have to express their obligations to the Senatus of the University and King's College of Aberdeen, for their ready permission to make a transcript of this work from the copy in their possession, the only complete one which is known to exist.

The Committee of the Council have resolved to print the Chartulary of Aberdeen. They have set apart a portion of this year's revenue of the Club to defray the expense of transcribing that work, and have made other preparations for its speedy publication.

Some interesting collections have been made for a volume of Miscellanies; and the Committee have to acknowledge the readiness with which the valuable archives of many ancient families have been made accessible for this and the other purposes of the Club.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the following works:—

I. A Short Abridgement of Britanes Distemper, from the yeare of God 1639 to 1649. By Patrick Gordon of Cluny.
II. The Missal of Arbuthnott.
III. A Description of bothe touns of Aberdeen, by James Gordon, Parson of Rothiemay.
IV. Extracts from the Records of the Sheriffdoms of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine; from the Records of the City of Aberdeen and the Town of Banff; and from the other Civil and Ecclesiastical Registers of the North-Eastern Counties.
V. The Breviary of Aberdeen.
VI. Sir Samuel Forbes's View of the Diocese of Aberdeen.
VII. A Volume of Genealogical Collections.
VIII. Orationes Panegyricæ habitæ in Academiis Abredonensibus.
IX. Row's History of the Kirk.

It will be for the new Committee to determine which of these works shall first be printed for the Club.

II.—At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COMMITTEE of the COUNCIL, held at Aberdeen, on Saturday the 12th of June 1841—

Mr. THOMSON of Banchory in the Chair—

THE following Report was read and approved of, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the Members :—

The Committee of the Council of the Spalding Club have great pleasure in being able to report that its affairs continue in a highly prosperous condition. Within a few weeks after the issue of its first publication, the number of 500 Members, to which the Club is limited, was completed; and many applications for admission into it have since been received.

The Committee are informed by the editors that the second volume of Gordon's "History of Scots Affairs" has now been completed at press, and is in the hands of the binder, so that in a few days it will be ready for delivery to the members. The printing of the third volume of the work has been commenced, and will be proceeded with as speedily as the avocations of the editors will permit. While the second volume was passing through the press, the editors were informed by the Rev. Mr. James Robertson, at Cairness, that the copy of the work to which they had referred in their preface under the name of "Ruddiman's MS." was in the library of General Gordon of Cairness; and it was soon after placed in their hands, by the kindness of that lamented gentleman, in whose death the Club has lost a valuable member. It appears to be autograph of the Parson of Rothiemay; and the editors have used it in collating the sheets of the second volume from the sixty-fifth page downwards. They will prefix to the third volume some account of it, together with a *facsimile* of one of its pages, and such various readings as may be observed in collating it with that portion of the work which was printed before this more authentic manuscript was recovered.

The Secretary, by whom the editing of the first volume of "The Club's Miscellany" has been undertaken, stated to the Committee that a con-

siderable portion of that work is printed, that all the materials for it have been collected and arranged, and that he expects it will be completed in three or four months.

The Committee are gratified to learn from the Secretary that Mr. Cosmo Innes has, agreeably to their desire, undertaken the editing of Gordon's "Description of bothe Touns of Aberdeene," written about the year 1661. The engraving of the interesting Map of Aberdeen, which this description was designed to illustrate, is nearly completed; and the work will, it is hoped, be ready for issue in two or three months.

Mr. Joseph Robertson, who had agreed to superintend the transcription of the volumes of the "Chartulary of Aberdeen" preserved in the library of the King's College, stated that this task was now all but accomplished; and that as soon as a transcript was obtained of the volumes in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, the printing of the work might be commenced.

The Secretary reported that the transcript of the "View of the Diocese of Aberdeen," written in the beginning of the last century, and preserved in the Advocates' Library, is now completed; and a transcript of Sir Samuel Forbes's "History of Aberdeenshire," from the manuscript in the British Museum, is in progress, under the superintendence of Sir Henry Ellis.

Mr. Joseph Robertson, to whom the editing of Patrick Gordon's "Abridgement of Britanes Distemper from 1639 to 1640" was assigned, stated that a transcript of that work is now prepared for the press, and that the printing of it may be commenced whenever the Committee desire.

The Committee are informed that considerable progress has been made in collecting materials for a volume of "Orationes Panegyricæ Habitæ in Academiis Abredonensibus," the editing of which has been undertaken by Dr. Melvin.

The Secretary reported that a transcript has been made of the "History of the Family of Rose of Kilravock," and that Mr. Cosmo Innes has undertaken to prepare this interesting and valuable work for the press.

There was laid before the Committee a manuscript which had been obtained from the late General Gordon of Cairness, bearing the following title :—

"The Book or List off Poleable persons within the shire of Aberdein & Burghs within the same

"Containing the names off the haill persones poleable and Polemoney payable be them conforme to their respective capacities According to the Act off Parliament anent Polemoney daited the [ ] day of [ ]

"Faithfullie extracted ffurth of the Principall Lists of poleable persons off each paroch within the Shyre, as they were reported by the Commissioners and Clerks for the severall paroches appointed ffor that effect

"By William Hay Collector appointed off the polemoney peyable ffurth of the said shire

"And revised and examined by ane Quorum of the Commissioners of Supplie off the samen shyre and attested by them the ffirst day of Aprile 1696."

The Committee appointed a Sub-Committee to examine this volume, and to report on it to the Committee, at their next meeting.

III.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Wednesday the 22d December 1841.

The Viscount Arbuthnott in the Chair.

The Council have again the agreeable duty of reporting to the Members of the Club the satisfactory position of its affairs. During the past year there have been printed and delivered to the Members :—

I. The second volume of Gordon's "Memoirs of Scots Affairs."

II. The first volume of the "Miscellany of the Club."

There have been executed a *facsimile* of Gordon's interesting map of

New and Old Aberdeen; also engravings of Slezer's views of these towns in 1696, and an engraving of a View of the Town by Mr. Gregory Sharpe, in 1732, which, along with engravings of the ancient seals of the city, and a collection of the *Cartae burgi de Aberdeen*, are intended to illustrate Gordon's "Description of both Towns of Aberdeen." This work, under the superintendence of Cosmo Innes, Esq., advocate, has been printed in Edinburgh, and will be ready for delivery to the members at an early period in the ensuing year.

During the past year many transcripts of important and interesting documents, besides the part of the Aberdeen Chartulary in King's College, have been made, while various sources hitherto unexplored have been made accessible for the use of the Club, from some of which important results may yet be anticipated.

The third volume of Gordon's "History of Scots Affairs" is now almost completed, and the editors report it that will be ready for issue to members in the course of next month.

The Council would propose that the following works should be printed as speedily as possible:—

I. Patrick Gordon's "Abridgement of Britane's Distemper, from 1638 to 1649."
II. A second volume of "The Miscellany of the Club."
III. A volume of Genealogical Collections.
IV. "The Chartulary of Aberdeen," part I.

The Council have been much indebted to the local secretaries of the Club for their ready assistance in carrying out their arrangements; and their best acknowledgments are due to John Jopp, Esq., the secretary in Edinburgh, for his services in procuring and collating transcripts of various manuscripts in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates there.

IV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at Aberdeen on 22d of December 1842.

The VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOTT in the Chair.

THE following Report was unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the Members :—

It is the agreeable duty of the Council to report that the affairs of the Club continue in the most prosperous condition.

Since the last general meeting, three volumes have been delivered to the members :—1. The third and concluding volume of Gordon's "Scots Affairs," edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson and Mr. George Grub. 2. A "Description of both Towns of Aberdeen in 1661," edited by Mr. Cosmo Innes. 3. A second volume of "The Miscellany of the Club," edited by the secretary, Mr. John Stuart.

During the year the transcription of "The Chartulary of Aberdeen" has been completed, and this most important work is now in the press, at Edinburgh, under the superintendence of Mr. Cosmo Innes. A considerable portion of the funds of the Club—nearly £300—has already been expended on this undertaking; but some portion of this sum, and a sixth part of all that may hereafter be advanced, fall to be repaid by the Maitland Club, which has united with our Society in contributing to the cost of this publication.

It was unavoidable that, in the early years of the Club's existence, a great part of its revenue should be expended in procuring transcripts of ancient manuscripts and copies of rare printed works, and in examining the sources whence materials were to be drawn for the object of its labours, —the illustration of the History, Literature, and Antiquities of the North-eastern Shires of Scotland. But so much has now been accomplished in this way, that the Committee would hope that this head of expenditure may in future be reduced within narrower limits, and that in consequence the issue of printed volumes may hereafter be more numerous.

Of the transcripts made during the last year, the chief have been selections from the singularly interesting and valuable "Registers of the Council of the City of Aberdeen,"—unquestionably at once more ancient and more complete than those of any other Burgh in Scotland. Nearly £100 have been altogether disbursed on this account. About half that sum has been paid during the year for copies of other historical, genealogical, and ecclesiastical records.

Nearly £70 have been paid for Engravings, and other Illustrations of Works delivered to members during the year, or which are now in preparation.

It was stated at the last General Meeting that the President of the Club, the Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen, had announced his intention of presenting to the Members a volume printed and edited at his Lordship's charge; and this work, being "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," is now in the press, under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Robertson. It will be illustrated by a large and valuable Map of the Counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and The Mearns, engraved from the original drawings of Robert Gordon of Straloch, executed about the middle of the seventeenth century.

The Council have the farther pleasure of announcing, that Mr. Thomas Constable, printer to Her Majesty the Queen at Edinburgh, has expressed his intention of making a donation to the members of the Club, of a hitherto inedited "Life of Field-Marshal Keith;" and that this volume is now in the press.

In addition to the works which will be printed during the year 1843 from the common funds of the Club, the Members will thus receive two volumes executed at the private charge of individuals.

Of the various works which the Committee of the Council have had more or less under their consideration, they recommend the following to the attention of their successors in office:—

I. A Volume of Selections from the Ecclesiastical Registers of the Province of Aberdeen and Banff.

II. A Volume of Selections from the Registers of the Council of the City of Aberdeen.

III. Patrick Gordon's "Abridgement of Britaine's Distemper from 1638 to 1649."

IV. A Volume of Genealogical Collections.

V. The first volume of an annotated and illustrated edition of Spalding's History of The Troubles and Memorable Transactions in Scotland,—with a new collation of the text with the best MSS. extant.

VI. The Breviary of Aberdeen.

VII. Archdeacon Barbour's Metrical History of The Bruce, with notes, and a new collation of the text with a manuscript of the fifteenth century, hitherto inedited.

VIII. The Missal of Arbuthnott.

IX. A Collection of the Ballads and Songs of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland.

X. Passages from "A Brieffe Narration of the Services done to Three Noble Ladyes by Gilbert Blakhal, priest of the Scots Mission in France, in the Low Countries, and in Scotland, 1630-1650."

The Council, in conclusion, have to repeat their sense of the services which the Club has continued to receive from its local secretaries.

V.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 22d December 1843.

The VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOTT in the Chair.

THE following Report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the Members of the Club :—

The Council have great pleasure in being able to report that the affairs of the Club continue in a prosperous condition.

During the past year the following works have been delivered to the members :—

I. Extracts from the Presbytery Book of Strathbogie, A.D. 1631-1654. Edited by Mr. Stuart, the Secretary of the Club.

II. A Fragment of a Memoir of Field-Marshal James Keith, written by himself, 1714-1734. Presented to the Club by Thomas Constable, Esq., printer to her Majesty the Queen at Edinburgh.

III. Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff. One volume. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq. Presented to the Club by its noble and distinguished President, the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen.

The Council, in announcing this munificent donation, desire to take the opportunity of recording the grateful sense which they entertain of the many other benefits which his Lordship has conferred on the Society, by the lively interest which he has, at all times, taken in the furtherance of every measure for the attainment of those objects for which the Society was constituted.

The following works are now in the press :—

I. "An Abridgement of Britane's Distemper, from 1639 to 1649." By Patrick Gordon, brother of Sir Alexander Gordon of Cluny. One volume. Edited by John Dunn, Esq. This work is now all but completed, and will be placed in the hands of the members at an early period of the ensuing year.

II. "The Chartulary of the See of Aberdeen." Two volumes. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq. This important undertaking is now advanced at press.

Among the works which have been under the more immediate consideration of the Committee of the Council, "The Breviary of Aberdeen" has occupied a considerable share of their attention. It did not appear to them that they could, consistently with a regard to the general objects and interests of the Club, recommend that this Society should, at least in the meantime, undertake the very serious burden of printing so extensive a work, without an endeavour to obtain the co-operation of other associations having kindred objects with their own. To this object, therefore, their attention was turned, in the first place, and they are not without hopes that some arrangement may, in no long time, be concluded, under which they may be able to accomplish the desirable object of reprinting this venerable Liturgy, without neglecting the other purposes for which the Club was constituted.

The interesting extracts which have been made from the Council Records of the city of Aberdeen, from the year 1397 to the year 1700, have also been under the notice of the Committee. There can be but one opinion as to the propriety of losing no time in printing these selections, which illustrate so forcibly both the ancient history and condition of the country in general, and more particularly the municipal and commercial arrangements, and the habits of domestic life which prevailed in our Scottish burghs during the eventful period comprised between the close of the fourteenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century. The only obstacle which has hitherto delayed the commencement of this desirable work, is the difficulty which has been felt as to the most efficient plan for classifying and arranging the extracts; and to this subject they trust that their successors in office will turn their attention at as early a period as may be.

Ample materials exist for one or more volumes of collections illustrative of genealogical history of the ancient families of the north-eastern counties of Scotland, and, with the view of speedily entering on such

a work, some transcripts of suitable manuscripts have already been made.

The editor of the "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff" reported that, while he was engaged in that undertaking, many documents had come into his possession, which, though they scarcely fell within the scope of that volume, were yet of essential interest and importance in illustrating the topography and antiquities of the north-eastern counties. The Committee, being sensible of the value of these materials, authorised the printing of such portions of them as seemed to fall within the objects of the Club. The Committee, at the same time, in the confident hope that the use of many other ancient and valuable materials may be procured from charter-chests, to which the Club has not hitherto obtained access, desired that all Members of the Society, as well as others, who might be in possession of ancient charters, or other documents, should be earnestly requested to communicate them, without delay, to the Secretary, in order that they may be included in the forthcoming volume of "Documents Illustrative of the Topography and Antiquities of the Counties of Aberdeen and Banff."

Among the Works which the former Committee of the Council left for the consideration of their successors in office, was a new edition of Spalding's "History of the Troubles and Memorable Transactions in Scotland."

The present Committee are of opinion that a new and illustrated edition of this curious work is much to be desired, and they have, accordingly, made application in the proper quarters, for the use of the most authentic MSS., for the purpose of a new collation with the text of former editions.

Besides the publications which have been enumerated, the Committee have had their attention directed to the following works as not unsuitable to the objects of the Club :—

I. Archdeacon Barbour's Metrical History of the Bruce, with notes, and a new collation of the text with a manuscript of the fifteenth century, hitherto inedited.

II. A "Collection of the Ballads and Songs of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland."

III. Passages from "A Brieffe Narration of the Services done to Three Noble Ladies, by Gilbert Blakhal, Priest of the Scots Mission, in France, in the Low Countries, and in Scotland, 1630-1650."

IV. A volume of Collections for a History of the Shire of Kincardine or the Mearns.

V. The Missal of Arbuthnott.

VI. Extracts from the Kirk-Session Records of the Town of Aberdeen, beginning in 1562.

VI.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 23d day of December 1844.

The VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOTT in the Chair.

IT is a satisfactory duty on the part of the Council to renew their assurances of the general prosperity of the Society and its affairs.

During the past year the following Works have been delivered to the Members:—

I. A Short Abridgement of Britane's Distemper, from the Yeare of God 1639 to 1649. By Patrick Gordon of Ruthven. One volume. Edited by John Dunn, Esq., advocate.

II. A Brieffe Narration of the Services done to Three Noble Ladyes. By Gilbert Blakhal, Priest of the Scots Mission, in France, in the Low Countries, and in Scotland, 1631 to 1649. One volume. Edited by Mr. Stuart, the Secretary of the Club.

III. Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1398-1670. Volume the first. Edited by Mr. Stuart, the Secretary of the Club.

The following Works are now in the press:—

I. The Chartulary of the See of Aberdeen. Two volumes. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq. The editor of this ancient and important record reports to the Council that he has met with unavoidable interruptions in its preparation; but that it is now so far advanced that he sees no reason to doubt that it will be in the hands of the Members in the course of the ensuing spring.

II. Documents illustrative of the Topography and Antiquities of the Counties of Aberdeen and Banff. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq. This valuable Work is now nearly completed; and the Council desire to record their obligations to those Members of the Club, who, by the ready access which they have allowed to their family archives, have enabled the editor to enrich this volume with many valuable papers.

III. Genealogies of Murrayshire and Banffshire Families, viz.—

1. A History of the Roses of Kilravock, from the original manuscript; with numerous illustrations from the charter-chest at Kilravock, and other sources.
2. An Account of the Origine and Succession of the Familie of Innes, by Forbes of Culloden.
3. Historia Familiæ Mackintoshianæ, from the Manuscript in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh. One volume. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq., and Joseph Robertson, Esq.

Arrangements have been made for proceeding forthwith with a reprint of Spalding's "History of the Troubles and Memorable Transactions in Scotland and England, from 1624 to 1645," with a collation of the text with the best manuscripts. It has appeared to the Council that it would be very desirable that their edition of this popular and instructive chronicle should have been accompanied by engravings of the ancient castles, and other remarkable buildings, in the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kin-

cardine, which are so often referred to in the work. At the same time, the Council do not conceive that it would be advisable to expend any considerable part of the funds of the Club on Illustrations of this kind, while it has been suggested to them, that the object which they have in view might be accomplished in something like the same way which has been so long and successfully followed in the preparation of the many splendid County Histories, which seem to be the peculiar boast of England. The engraved illustrations of these magnificent books are furnished for the most part by the proprietors of the castles, manor-houses, or ecclesiastical buildings of the county—each of them contributing one or more engravings of the edifices which belong to their families, and retaining the property of the engraved plates, so that it should be at their own disposal, for any use or purpose, in all time coming. If this plan were carried out in the present instance, a volume of illustrations, both pictorial and literary, might be produced, not less handsome than appropriate; and, while no great expense would fall to the lot of any of the gentlemen contributing plates, they would be enabled to multiply at their pleasure representations of the ancient and picturesque mansions of their ancestors, and the funds of the Society would be left free for employment in its more legitimate purposes—viz. the printing of the historical and literary remains of the district.

The Council would therefore desire to bring this scheme under the consideration of the proprietors of the many buildings of historical celebrity within the three counties. Several of these gentlemen have already signified to the Secretary of the Club their desire and readiness to contribute to the undertaking; and those who may now be disposed to lend their aid to it are requested to communicate with him as soon as possible.

The Council have to report that arrangements are in progress for preparing a volume of "Genealogies of Aberdeenshire Families."

The Society has already been put in possession of a great number of valuable documents regarding the distinguished family of Leslie, collected by Lieut.-Colonel Charles Leslie, K.H., from the charter-chests of the Earl of Rothes, the Count Leslie of Balquhain, and other sources; and

they propose to proceed with a history of the ancient family of Forbes as soon as they have had an opportunity of collating Lumsden's history of that family with sundry manuscripts in the archives of the noble head of the house, and procuring suitable documents for correcting and illustrating that author.

The Council have resolved to apply for permission to have transcripts made from the manuscripts of the industrious Wodrow, now in the Library of the University of Glasgow, of such portions of his collections upon the lives of the reformers, and most eminent ministers of the Church of Scotland, as refer to persons associated with the ecclesiastical history of the north-eastern counties. These collections contain memoirs, among others, of Mr. John Craig, the second reformed minister at Aberdeen; Mr. James Lawson, sub-principal of the King's College at Aberdeen; Mr. Alexander Arbuthnott, the first reformed principal of the King's College; Mr. John Forbes, minister at Alford; Patrick Forbes of Corse, Bishop of Aberdeen; Mr. Robert Howie, Principal of the Marischal College; Mr. Charles Ferme, Principal of the College at Fraserburgh; Mr. William Forbes, minister at Aberdeen, afterwards the first Bishop of Edinburgh; Mr. Adam Ballantyne, Bishop of Aberdeen; Mr. Peter Blackburn, Bishop of Aberdeen; and Mr. David Cunningham, titular Bishop of Aberdeen.

The Council, during the last summer, authorised the circulation in England of proposals for making the intended reprint of the "Breviary of Aberdeen" accessible to a limited number of subscribers not resident in the immediate field of the Society's labours; but the result of this measure is not yet sufficiently ascertained to warrant the Council, for the meantime at least, in recommending that an undertaking of such magnitude should be immediately proceeded with.

The Council have the satisfaction of being able to report that the repositories of several ancient and noble houses have been made available for the purposes of the Club during the past year, and have contributed many valuable documents, which will be printed by the Club. They beg particularly to advert to the rich collection of ancient charters and

historical documents in the archives of his Grace the Duke of Richmond at Gordon Castle, which, by the liberality and courtesy of his Grace, were laid open for examination, and from which a valuable selection has been made.

A few repositories of the same kind are hitherto unexamined. Arrangements are, however, already in progress for examining the papers of another noble Member of the Club; and the Council trust that, in no long time, the historical documents in the whole of these private treasuries, of the importance of which it would now be superfluous to speak, will be printed by the Club.

The Council have had under their consideration, as suitable for the purposes of the Club, the following works:—

I. A second volume of Selections from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

II. The Miscellany of the Club—volume third.

III. Archdeacon Barbour's Metrical History of the Bruce, with Notes, and a new Collation of the Text with a Manuscript of the Fifteenth Century.

IV. The Missal of the Church of St. Ternan, at Arbuthnott: a MS. in the Library of the Right Hon. the Viscount Arbuthnott.

V. The Historical Ballads and Lays of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland.

VI. Collections for a History of the Shire of Kincardine or the Mearns.

VII. The Breviary of Aberdeen, or the Historical Portion of it; and those Parts wherein it differs from the Breviaries in common use.

VIII. A volume of Genealogies of Kincardineshire Families.

IX. Extracts from the Records of the Kirk-Session of Aberdeen.

X. Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections of Memoirs of the Reformers and Eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland connected with the North-eastern Counties.

The Council have to lament the death, during the past year, of several Members of the Society. Some of these represented the old and honourable families in the district, and their places in the Club have been occupied by the successors to the family honours and possessions.

But there is one death, that of the late Dr. Knight of Marischal College, by which the Society has sustained a loss which is irreparable. His warm interest in the Society's affairs was manifested from its first formation, and continued unabated throughout; and his great abilities and varied acquirements enabled him, at all times, to bring to the consideration of its affairs an amount of knowledge and practical information, the loss of which those only who were his associates in the Council of the Club can adequately appreciate.

VII.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 22d day of December 1845.

The VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOTT in the Chair.

THE Council have the pleasing duty of congratulating their constituents on the prosperous state of the Society and its affairs.

During the past year two large and profusely illustrated volumes have been delivered to the Members of the Club, the "Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis: Ecclesie Cathedralis Aberdonensis Regesta que extant in unum collecta. Vol. I. et II. Impressum Edinburgi, 1845."

This very valuable work, the completion of which has been anxiously looked forward to from the institution of the Society, may be regarded as one of the most important additions which remained to be made to the stores of the ecclesiastical history and antiquities of Scotland; while, at the same time, its interest and utility, as illustrating the ancient condition of our North-eastern provinces, can scarcely be estimated too highly. The editing of this great body of church records was entrusted to Cosmo Innes, Esq., advocate, Sheriff of Moray, a gentleman whose profound scholarship in this department of letters is so amply attested by his admirable editions

of the Registers of many Scottish Episcopal sees and religious houses, and whose unvarying interest in all the affairs of the Club the Council have had frequent occasion to acknowledge. The Members have not now to be assured that every expectation which was entertained from the labours of Mr. Innes has been abundantly fulfilled by his zeal and erudition, and that the "Chartulary of Aberdeen" has been presented to the Club, not only in the most satisfactory shape as regards accuracy of the text, but also with a measure of outward elegance which harmonises with its intrinsic and permanent merits.

The expense of the Volumes has, on the whole, exceeded the estimate which the Council at first formed, although every regard to economy, consistent with the successful execution of the work, has been maintained throughout. The Society has been indebted for assistance in this undertaking to the Maitland Club, which readily agreed to contribute a share of the cost proportionate to the number of its Members.

The expense of the Registers of the Church of Aberdeen must have pressed upon the funds of the Society, so as to restrict the number of volumes to be issued in 1846, but for the characteristic munificence of a noble and distinguished Member of the Council. Lord Francis Egerton has intimated his intention of contributing to the Club a Work printed altogether at his own charge. This Volume is already in progress, under the editorial care of Mr. Stuart, the Secretary of the Society, and will be delivered to the Members at an early period of the ensuing year. It will consist of valuable and interesting selections from various ecclesiastical records of the district after the Reformation in the sixteenth century.

The Secretary has reported that a Member of Council, with a view of encouraging the exertions of the Society, and enabling it more completely to carry out its objects, lately suggested to him the plan of contributing a volume to the Club, by the joint-subscriptions of a few of the Members, as is customary in other similar bodies, and at the same time offered to be one of the subscribers for such a purpose, if the scheme were approved of. Acting on this suggestion, and believing that its adoption would be attended

with very beneficial effects, the Secretary prepared a short memorandum on the subject, which he communicated to twenty Members of the Society, by the greater number of whom the proposal was warmly entered into. From a very few of these there has as yet been no opportunity of receiving an answer; but although the ultimate number of subscribers will regulate the size of the proposed volume, a sufficient number have already come forward so as to justify the Council in reporting to the Members that an additional volume from this source will be presented to them in the course of the ensuing year.

The following Works are now more or less advanced at press:—

I. Documents Illustrative of the Topography and Antiquities of the Counties of Aberdeen and Banff. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

This instructive Collection was nearly completed at the time of the last General Meeting, but its progress has been necessarily delayed, at first, until access should be obtained to important muniments preserved in the archives of his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe at Floors, as well as in the charter-chests of ancient families in the district; and more lately, until copies should be made of certain curious deeds, discovered in a manuscript collection of Scottish charters in the library of the Right Honourable the Lord Panmure, at Panmure House. This Work, however, will now be delivered to Members within no long time.

II. A History of the House of Rose of Kilravock, from the original Manuscript, with numerous Illustrations from the Family Charter-chests and other sources. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq.

This volume, which throws much light on the general and social history of the district, is now all but completed.

III. Memorialls of the Troubles and Memorable Transactions in Scotland and England, from 1624 to 1645; by John Spalding, Commissary-Clerk of Aberdeen. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

For this edition of the very interesting Work of the Annalist whose

name has been adopted as that of the Club, the best Manuscripts now extant have been procured, including one which probably received the author's own corrections.

Many illustrative documents, also hitherto unpublished, obtained from various sources, have been placed in the hands of the editor, whose minute and varied acquaintance with the History, Genealogy, and Antiquities of the district, will enable him to make the present edition of this characteristic Chronicle by far the best which has yet appeared.

During the year which is now closing, suggestions have been received from many Members of the Club, as well as from other quarters, relative to a reprint of the "Breviary of Aberdeen." The Council are fully impressed with the value of this Work, and are anxious to do all that may be in their power to further any measure which may lead to its being printed. They must look, however, to the funds of the Club being relieved of some proportion of the cost of an undertaking of such magnitude, either by other Societies lending their aid in the work, or by a numerous body of subscribers coming forward to offer their co-operation; and from recent communications which the Council have received, they hope that some arrangement may be satisfactorily concluded at no distant period. In the meantime, the Council have procured transcripts of that part of the Breviary which is of chief importance—the "Proprium Sanctorum;" so that, if unfortunately it should be found impossible, with a due regard to the other objects of the Association, to gratify the wishes of the Members by presenting this venerable Work entire, at least one interesting portion of it may be printed for their use.

Copies have been made during the last twelvemonth of various valuable documents, which will in due time be made available for the purposes of the Society.

Among the several Works which have been under the consideration of the Council, they desire to enumerate the following:—

I. A second volume of Selections from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

II. A third volume of the Miscellany of the Club.

III. The Missal of the Church of St. Ternan at Arbuthnott, a MS. in the Library of the Right Hon. the Viscount Arbuthnott.

IV. Archdeacon Barbour's Metrical History of The Bruce, with Notes; and a new Collation of the Text with a Manuscript of the Fifteenth Century.

V. A Selection of valuable and interesting Documents, from the Charter-chest at Gordon Castle, illustrative of the History of the Noble and Ancient Family of Gordon, and of the History and Antiquities of the North-eastern district.

VI. Genealogical Collections on the Houses of Leslie, Forbes, Fraser, Hay, Arbuthnott, Baird, Mackintosh, Farquharson, Irvine, Skene, Burnett, Strachan, Dempster, Grant, Menzies, and Keith.

VII. The Historical Ballads and Lays of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland.

VIII. Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections of Memoirs of the Reformers and eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland connected with the North-eastern Counties.

IX. Collections for a History of the Shire of Kincardine or the Mearns.

X. A History of the Family of Innes, from the original MS. in the possession of the Duke of Roxburghe, with Illustrations, from his Grace's charter-chest and other inedited sources.

VIII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Tuesday the 22d day of December 1846.

Sir Michael Bruce, Bart., of Stenhouse, in the Chair.

The Council have great pleasure in being able again to congratulate the Members on the successful progress which the Club continues to make towards the accomplishment of the objects for which it was instituted.

During the year which is now closing, two volumes have been delivered to the Members, and a third is all but completed:—

I. The Right Honourable the Earl of Ellesmere, with characteristic munificence, contributed a volume, printed at his Lordship's sole charge:—"Selections from the Records of the Kirk Session, Presbytery, and Synod of Aberdeen, from the year 1562 to the year 1681." Edited by Mr. Stuart, the Secretary to the Club.

II. A third volume of "The Miscellany of the Spalding Club," now in the course of distribution, has been printed at the joint expense of the following members:—The Viscount Arbuthnott, Lord Saltoun, the Right Rev. Dr. Kyle, Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, Mr. Gordon of Fyvie, Mr. Lumsden of Auchindoir, Major-General Arbuthnott, Mr. Alexander Pirie jun., Mr. Botfield, Sir William G. G. Cumming of Altyre, Colonel Fraser of Castle-Fraser, Mr. Morison of Bognie, Mr. Ewing of Strathleven, Mr. Thomson of Banchory, Mr. King Eyton of Elgin Villa, Mr. Blaikie of Craigiebuckler, Mr. Simpson of Cobairdy, and Mr. Gordon of Knockespock. This work has been edited by the Secretary, under whose charge the previous volumes of the Miscellany were prepared.

The Council are assured that the thanks of the General Meeting will be voted, with cordial unanimity, to the Earl of Ellesmere, and the other donors, for the interesting Works which they have contributed.

III. A volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq., has been for some time at press, and but for accidental circumstances which hindered the printer from fulfilling his engagement, would have been finished before this period. It will be issued early in the year 1847.

The materials placed at the editor's disposal, derived chiefly from the charter-rooms of ancient families within the two counties, have so far exceeded expectation, that it has been found necessary to divide the Work into three volumes. The second of these, containing the beginning of the text, will appear first; the third, giving the conclusion of the text, the Appendix, and a copious Index (as well to this Work as to the "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff"), will follow next; and

the first, occupied with a lengthened Preface, and its documentary illustrations, will be delivered last of all.

Other two Works are in the press :—

I. The History of the Family of Rose of Kilravock, edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq., has now nearly reached its termination; and a considerable proportion of the cost has already been defrayed.

II. The printing of the Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England from 1624 to 1645, by John Spalding, has been commenced under the care of Joseph Robertson, Esq.; and a payment has been made on account of the expense of this Work also.

It is the pleasing duty of the Council to announce the promise of more than one new contribution.

The noble and distinguished President of the Club, the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen (who has already contributed a large and valuable Work, and whose unabated interest in the affairs of the Society has so greatly promoted its prosperity), has authorised the Secretary to intimate his Lordship's intention of making a second donation to the Members.

Another noble office-bearer of the Association has a Work under his consideration, to be printed at his expense for the use of the Club.

A learned Judge, eminent on the Scottish bench, has expressed to the Secretary his desire of joining in the contribution of a suitable volume.

The Council have been given to understand that contributions have been contemplated by other Members who have not yet formally announced their intention.

While so much has been already accomplished, there is yet a large field open for the labours of the Society.

Nothing has hitherto been done for illustrating the "History of the Universities of Aberdeen." Ample materials for this purpose are preserved in the archives both of King's and of Marischal College; and few more acceptable services could be rendered to Scottish literature than by printing a judicious selection from these stores of academic antiquities.

The Council regret that they have not yet been able to devise any definite plan for printing the venerable "Breviary of Aberdeen," without encroaching on the funds of the Society to a larger extent than would be altogether compatible with its objects. Several of the Members have expressed their wish of doubling the annual subscription for one year, with the view of assisting to carry out the project; but the Council have not had any means of learning whether such a proposal would meet with the general sanction of the Members. They are, however, not without hopes, that the exertions which they have made will be seconded in this or some more efficient way, so as to lead to a favourable result in no long time.

A new edition of the metrical "History of the Bruce," by the Archdeacon of Aberdeen, has peculiar claims on the Spalding Club; and while access for such a purpose may be had to a manuscript of great authority not yet collated, documents have been recently discovered which afford many historical illustrations of singular interest.

A transcript has been made for the Society of the "Register of the Parochial and Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas in Aberdeen," which, with the Muniments of the Monasteries and Hospitals within the city, would form a desirable sequel to the greater work of the "Registers of the Bishopric and Cathedral Church."

Several other works have received more or less of the consideration of the Council, among which they may enumerate the following:—

I. A second volume of Selections from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

II. A fourth volume of the Miscellany of the Club.

III. The Missal of the Church of St. Ternan at Arbuthnott, a MS. in the library of the Right Hon. the Viscount Arbuthnott, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Club.

IV. A selection of valuable and interesting documents from the charter-chest at Gordon Castle, illustrative of the History of the Noble and Ancient Family of Gordon.

V. Genealogical Collections on the Houses of Leslie, Forbes, Fraser,

Hay, Arbuthnott, Baird, Mackintosh, Farquharson, Irvine, Skene, Burnett, Strachan, Dempster, Grant, Menzies, and Keith.

VI. The Historical Ballads and Lays of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland.

VII. Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections of Memoirs of the Reformers and Eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland connected with the North-eastern Counties.

VIII. Collections for a History of the Shire of Kincardine or Mearns.

IX. A History of the Family of Innes, from the original MS. in the possession of the Duke of Roxburghe, with illustrations from his Grace's charter-chest and other inedited sources.

By far the greater portion of the transcripts necessary for these works has already been executed, and the most part of the cost defrayed, so as materially to reduce the future expense of preparing them for the press.

It will be seen from the report of the auditors on the treasurer's accounts, that the funds of the Club during the past year continued to be burdened by the expense of the "Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis;" and that, from this circumstance, as well as the payments made for transcripts and works now in progress, there is yet a balance due by the Club. The expense of the Chartulary considerably exceeded the calculations first made by the Council, though they have no apprehension that the cost will be regarded by the Members as more than was justified by the importance and the difficulties of the undertaking. Altogether, the sums expended on this work have exceeded £1000, of which the greater portion fell to be paid from the revenue of the Society during this and the immediately preceding year; thereby greatly curtailing the amount available for the printing of new works during that period.

The Council, in conclusion, have to report, that while, since the last yearly meeting, death has deprived the Society of several valuable Members, its ranks have received many accessions of great influence and worth.

IX.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Wednesday the 22d day of December 1847.

HUGH LUMSDEN, Esq., of Pitcaple, in the Chair.

IT is the gratifying duty of the Council to meet the Members with an assurance that the affairs of the Club are in a flourishing condition, and that its prospects of increased advantage and utility were never more encouraging.

The last yearly Report made the Members aware that the funds of the Society for the year which is now closing had been forestalled to a large extent by the great expense of "The Registers of the Bishopric of Aberdeen," and by the considerable sums which had been paid for transcripts of Manuscripts and Charters, to be used in future publications of the Club. Under these circumstances, it was considered most advisable for the interests of the Association, to reduce the expenditure during the period embraced by this Report within the narrowest possible limits; and, accordingly, the progress of the several Works which the Club had at press was, with one exception, ordered to be suspended for a season.

It is thus that during the year 1847 only one volume, of 500 pages, has been delivered to the Members:—

"Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff." The Second Volume. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

It has been already explained to the Club that the materials placed at the editor's disposal so far exceeded expectation, that it became necessary to divide this work into three volumes. The second of these, containing the beginning of the Text, is now in the hands of the Members; the third, giving the conclusion of the Text, the Appendix, and an ample and elaborate Index (as well to this Work as to the "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff"), will appear next; and the first volume, occupied with a lengthened Preface and its documentary illustrations, will be issued last of all.

By confining the expenditure of the year to the completion of this one

Work, the Council have been able almost wholly to discharge the claims against the Society; and they have now to report that (after payment of the comparatively small balance due to the Treasurers) its funds are once more free, and available for the active and immediate prosecution of such undertakings as shall be resolved upon.

The following Works were at press at the date of the last yearly Report :—

I. The History of the Family of Rose of Kilravock, written in the end of the Seventeenth Century, and now first printed from the Original Manuscript, with many charters and illustrative documents from the charter-room at Kilravock. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq.

II. Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England from the Year of God 1624 to the Year of God 1645. By John Spalding, clerk of the court of the Commissary of Aberdeen. Printed from a Manuscript believed to be an original; with collations of other Manuscripts, and many notes and illustrations from original sources. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

The first of these Works, when its printing was suspended, was nearly completed, and the Council are happy in being able to speak of it as a volume which will throw not a little new and interesting light on many points in the history of the North Country. It will now be resumed, and will, the Council trust, be ready for delivery at an early period.

Less progress had been made with Spalding's "Memorialls of the Trubles;" but the printing was resumed some weeks ago, and will now proceed as rapidly as is consistent with the care and attention due to a work of which, in the greatly improved form in which it will now first appear, high expectations may be entertained.

During the past twelvemonth, considerable additions have been made to the collections of charters and other documents for the sequel to the "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff." The gratitude of the Club is due in an especial manner to the

Right Honourable the Lord Saltoun, and to Sir Robert Abercromby of Birkenbog, Bart., for the readiness with which they gave access to the valuable documents in the archives of their ancient houses, and for the facilities which they afforded in making these documents available for the purposes of the Society. The Council have to regret that in some other quarters their applications for permission to inspect the old muniments of family history and the transmission of lands, have not yet been successful; but they would fain trust that, as the objects with which they make these researches become better known, the few obstacles which have been offered to its perfect accomplishment will gradually disappear. Already, they believe, they may affirm with all confidence that the labours of the Club have gathered together for the illustration of the history, topography, and genealogy of the North-eastern Shires, a mass of materials in every respect far beyond that which is possessed by any other district of Scotland.

In consequence of the earnest desire which was expressed by many of the Members that a vigorous effort should be made for printing the venerable "Breviary of Aberdeen," the Secretary obtained estimates of the expense of the undertaking. These showed that a sum of more than £800 would probably be required in all. The Council did not consider that they would be warranted in entering on so expensive a work at the sole responsibility of the association; but, after due deliberation, they agreed to devote to the object one whole year's free revenue of the Club, payable, however, by instalments, on condition that they should thus secure a copy of the work to every Member. A scheme for enabling them to accomplish this condition was accordingly set on foot, by which, in the first place, it was proposed to dispose of a limited number of copies in England and Ireland by subscription, at the rate of about Two Guineas each; while, in the second place, Lord Lindsay, Lord Medwyn, Sir James Ramsay of Bamff, Bart., Patrick Chalmers of Auldbar, Esq., and Alexander Thomson of Banchory, Esq., addressed a circular to a few other members of the Club, soliciting them to join in a subscription for raising a reserve fund to defray the balance of the cost of the copies to be delivered to the Members,—the

year's revenue proposed to be contributed by the Club being inadequate to meet the whole charge of these copies. In consequence of this circular, subscriptions have been secured to the amount of about £110, leaving a sum of £90 still to be obtained. If this not very considerable balance be procured, the Council entertain no doubt of being able to dispose of the requisite number of copies, and will then be enabled at once to proceed with an undertaking which has long been regarded as most desirable; and with this view they would now earnestly call on all those Members who feel an interest in the work to come forward with their help. Not many subscribers are required, nor need the subscriptions be of large amount. If only ten members would contribute Three Guineas each, twenty Members Two Guineas each, and thirty Members One Guinea each, the whole object would be attained. The Council trust that this appeal will not be made in vain; they conceive themselves bound to urge it with the more earnestness by reason of the munificent liberality of other Members of the Club who have already contributed volumes printed altogether at their own expense.

The Council have to announce two new donations of this kind.

The noble and distinguished President of the Club has already presented to the Society a large and costly volume; and when they add that it is his Lordship's intention to present another, the Council feel assured that the Members generally will join in those warm and grateful acknowledgments of his Lordship's generosity and unvarying regard for the interests of the association, which it is the duty of the Council once again to express. The work which the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen is now to give to the Members is, "A Collection of Documents illustrative of the History of the University and King's College of Aberdeen," that ancient seminary of which his Lordship is the Chancellor. No more appropriate or valuable gift could be offered to the Club by its noble President; nor are there many works which give promise of more interest to the inquirers into the literary annals of the North. The volume, among other matters, will contain the life of the founder, the good and pious Bishop Elphinstone,

written by his friend Hector Boece, the first Principal of the College; the charters of foundation and endowment; the successive statutes of government and discipline; lists, and, in some cases, biographical sketches of the chancellors, rectors, principals, regents, professors, graduates, benefactors, and distinguished members; notices of ancient academical discipline, and courses of study; records of the rectorial and other visitations; extracts from the table-books of the College; and notices of the library and buildings. Ample materials for illustrating all these topics exist in the archives of the University, to which the Senatus Academicus most readily agreed to afford all due access. It is not improbable, however, that in other quarters, documents, and especially private letters, may exist, which would contribute not a little to the interest and completeness of the volume; and the Council take this opportunity of requesting that all the Members of the Club, or others, possessed of any papers of this kind, will be pleased to communicate them to the Secretary, with as little delay as may be.

Sir Robert Abercromby of Birkenbog, Bart., has in many ways shown his interest in the prosperity of the Club; and with the view of still more signally promoting the objects for which it was instituted, he now authorises the Secretary to make the Members acquainted with his intention of presenting them with a volume.

The Council have resolved on printing at the expense of the Club, "The Register of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, and the Charters and other Muniments of the Houses of the Trinity Friars, Friars Preachers, Carmelite Friars, and Franciscans, of the Hospitals of St. Thomas, and others, in the City of Aberdeen." The editorial superintendence of this work, which will afford a very interesting picture of the ecclesiastical state of a Scottish burgh in the middle ages, has been entrusted to George Grub, Esq., and the Secretary.

The following is the list of Works which have received more or less of the consideration of the Council as proper subjects for future undertakings:—

I. A second volume of Selections from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

II. A fourth volume of the Miscellany of the Club.

III. The Missal of the Church of St. Ternan at Arbuthnott, a MS. in the Library at Arbuthnott House.

IV. A selection of valuable and interesting documents from the charter-chest at Gordon Castle, illustrative of the History of the Noble and Ancient Family of Gordon.

V. Genealogical Collections on the Houses of Leslie, Forbes, Fraser, Hay, Arbuthnott, Baird, Mackintosh, Farquharson, Irvine, Skene, Burnett, Strachan, Dempster, Grant, Menzies, and Keith.

VI. The Historical Ballads and Lays of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland.

VII. Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections of Memoirs of the Reformers and Eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland, connected with the North-eastern Counties.

VIII. Collections for a History of the Shire of Kincardine or the Mearns.

IX. A History of the Family of Innes, from the original MS. in the possession of the Duke of Roxburghe, with illustrations from his Grace's charter-chest, and other inedited sources.

X. The Ancient Ecclesiastical History of Scotland, by Thomas Innes, M.A., from the author's copy, in the possession of Dr. Kyle.

X.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Thursday the 21st day of December 1848.

Robert Grant, Esq., of Tillyfour, Convener of the County, in the Chair.

It is the first duty of the Council, on this occasion, to inform the Members that a communication has been received by the Secretary from their noble President, the Earl of Aberdeen, announcing the very gratifying fact that his Royal Highness Prince Albert has consented to become the Patron of the Society, and that his Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to say, that his interest in the objects of the Club will be increased by his personal connection with the field of its researches.

The Council are assured that the Members will unanimously join them in recording their grateful sense of the high distinction which has thus been conferred upon the Society, and in expressing the most dutiful acknowledgments of the very great honour conferred on them by their illustrious patron.

It is once more the duty of the Council to convey to the Members the assurance that the prosperity of the Club continues unimpaired.

During the past year, one large volume has been circulated among the Members, and another has been so far completed that it is now in the hands of the binder.

The volume already delivered is "A Genealogical Deduction of the Family of Rose of Kilravock, from the year 1290 to the year 1847, with Illustrative Documents from the Family Papers, and Notes." This work has been edited, with his accustomed care and erudition, by Cosmo Innes, Esq., advocate, Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh; and will be found to afford matter of much higher and more general interest than is conveyed by the promise of its title. It is, in truth, a very valuable and instructive contribution to the history of manners in the north, during an eventful period of six centuries; and it is not the less acceptable that its illustrations of the last two hundred years are especially copious.

The work nearly ready for circulation is a second volume of "Extracts from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen," embracing the period between the year 1570 and the year 1625. This has been edited by Mr. Stuart, the Secretary of the Club.

Some progress has been made in printing the new edition of "The Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, from the year 1624 to the year 1645, by John Spalding, Commissary-clerk of Aberdeen." The editor, Joseph Robertson, Esq., reports that he has now completed the collection of inedited documents illustrative of the earlier years of the Chronicle, and that they are of unusual interest and extent. The Council have directed that the work shall be proceeded with immediately, so that the first volume may be ready for circulation as soon as possible.

The collection of charters "Of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, and the Muniments of the Monasteries and Hospitals in Aberdeen," has been now nearly arranged for the press, and the printing of it may be proceeded with when the other arrangements of the Club will permit of it.

The rich and extensive archives of the University and King's College of Aberdeen have been made accessible for the purposes of the collection of documents illustrative of the history of that venerable seminary, which it is the intention of the President of the Club, the Earl of Aberdeen, to present to the Members as his second donation. The examination of these stores has not yet been completed, but enough has been ascertained of their contents to warrant the promise of a work of the greatest service to the history of letters in the northern district of the island.

The selection and arrangement of materials for the volume of "Miscellanies" about to be presented to the Club by Sir Robert Abercromby of Birkenbog, Bart., are far advanced. Among the documents which it is proposed to include in this volume, are a selection from letters addressed to George, Earl of Aberdeen, and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland in the reign of Charles II., by several of the statesmen of his time; and a selection from the papers in the charter-room at Dun, illustrative generally of the ancient family of Erskine, and particularly of the well-known John Erskine, Superintendent of Angus and Mearns after the Reformation; and the Council doubt not that the work will prove worthy of the kind intentions of the generous donor.

The Council have to lament that their expectations of being able to commence a reprint of the rare and venerable "Breviary of Aberdeen," were frustrated at the very point when all difficulty seemed to have been overcome; but they will not yet despair of being able to accomplish this desirable undertaking, on which the attention of the Club cannot be too earnestly fixed. It will be for their successors in office to determine whether or not it be advisable to attempt at least a reprint of that portion which is of most historical interest, the "Proprium Sanctorum," or Lessons appointed for the Feasts of the Saints observed in the Scottish Church.

This part is complete in itself, and it might easily be so printed as to bind up in its proper place with the rest of the Breviary, should the Club, as is so much to be wished, be able at a future time to overtake the remaining portions of the work. The Council cannot take leave of this subject without making the Members acquainted with the munificent encouragement which the undertaking has received from Patrick Chalmers, Esq. of Auldbar, who at an early period of the year, besides a previous subscription towards this object, gave a contribution of £80 towards the fund for enabling the Club to accomplish this work without neglecting the other objects of its institution.

With reference to the edition of Spalding's "Memorials of the Trubles" now in progress, the Council would again solicit the country gentlemen of the north-eastern counties to contribute engravings of their ancient castles and mansions for the pictorial illustration of a work which records so many incidents in their annals. The grounds on which the Council venture to prefer this request are fully explained in their report for the year 1844; and they may add to what was then urged, that such embellishments have been rendered still more appropriate by the succinct but elaborate notes which the editor of the work has devoted to the history of the more memorable families and manorial residences of the province between the Dee and the Spey.

To the large collections of charters and other documents of a genealogical and topgraphical nature already printed for the Members, many valuable additions have been made from the charter-rooms of Gordon Castle, Philorth, Forglen, and Drum.

It is now some time since the Council were put in possession of the extensive collections on the "History of the Ancient and Noble House of Leslie," made by Colonel Charles Leslie, K.H., from the charter-chests of the Earl of Rothes, Mr. Leslie of Balquhain, and other sources. These will form a genealogical volume of much interest, and will be proceeded with as soon as the arrangements of the Club will permit.

The Council are indebted to William Brodie, Esq. of Brodie, for the

communication of several volumes of the manuscript Diaries of his ancestor, Alexander Brodie of that Ilk, a senator of the College of Justice during the time of the Commonwealth. These volumes are for the most part written in a cypher, the key to which has not yet been discovered, though enough can be read to indicate the very interesting character of their pages. The writer filled no mean place in the history of his times, and he assiduously recorded from day to day the opinions which he formed of the events which passed before his eyes, and of the persons with whom he was associated. The Council are persuaded that selections of great value, sufficient to form a volume of moderate size, may be made from these diaries; and with this view they are at present endeavouring to discover a key to the secret character employed by the diarist.

The Council fear that there is no immediate prospect of the Club being able to undertake a new edition of the "Metrical History of the Bruce," by the Archdeacon of Aberdeen. At the same time, the Work has so many peculiar claims upon the Society, that it ought not to be omitted from any recapitulation of the objects which it remains for the Club to accomplish.

Of other works which may be considered as falling within the scope of the Club's labours, the following may be enumerated :—

I. A third volume of Selections from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

II. A fourth volume of the Miscellany of the Club.

III. The Missal of Arbuthnott.

IV. Historical Ballads and Songs of the North-eastern Shires of Scotland.

V. Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections on the Reformers and eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland in the North.

VI. Collections for a History of the County of Kincardine or the Mearns.

XI.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 21st December 1849.

ROBERT GRANT, Esq., of Tillyfour, in the Chair.

IT is the pleasing duty of the Council to report that the affairs of the Club continue in a prosperous state.

During the past year the Members have received two Volumes, printed at the expense of the Club—namely,

I. Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1570-1625.

II. The Miscellany of the Spalding Club, Volume Fourth; containing Papers from the Charter-chests at Dun, Cortachy, Gordon Castle, Meldrum House, and of the Burgh of Aberdeen.

The volume of "Letters illustrative of Public Affairs in Scotland, addressed by contemporary statesmen to George, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, 1681-1684," is now at press, under the charge of John Dunn, Esq., who expects that it will be ready for delivery in the earlier months of the ensuing year. It is to be presented to the Members by Sir Robert Abercromby, Bart. of Birkenbog.

The Council regret that their anticipations regarding the first volume of Spalding's "Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, from the year 1624 to the year 1645," have not been fulfilled.

Mr. Joseph Robertson, to whom the Council had entrusted the prepation of the work, has reported to them that, in consequence of new and onerous duties which have devolved upon him, he was some time ago compelled to relinquish all other engagements which he had come under to this and other Societies, and that, although he was induced, from his anxiety to produce a worthy edition of the work by which our Patron is now remembered, to except the work in question, when he gave up the others, yet he now finds that it is impossible for him to proceed with the undertaking.

The Council regret that they are thus necessarily deprived of Mr. Robertson's valuable services, which are so well known and appreciated by

the Members. They are aware, however, that the work in question is anxiously desired by many Members, and they will make such arrangements as will secure the delivery of the first volume in the course of the ensuing year.

The Council have resolved to print "The History, Civil and Ecclesiasticall, of the Northern parts of Britain, now called Scotland, from A.D. LXXX. to A.D. DXCVII," by Mr. Thomas Innes, Author of "The Critical Essay on the Ancient Inhabitants of Scotland," &c. This volume was prepared for press by the author, and contains his last corrections for that purpose. It belongs to the Right Reverend Bishop Kyle, by whose permission it has been transcribed for the Club. In the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, there is a transcript of a second volume prepared by Mr. Innes, in which he brings down the history to the year 818. This work, however, is less complete than the former, and seems never to have been prepared for press by the author. The Council, however, will keep it in view, in case it should be thought desirable to print it hereafter.

The Members are aware that it has long been considered desirable that a new edition of the "Metrical History of The Bruce," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, should be undertaken by the Spalding Club.

There is in the Library of St. John's College, Cambridge, a manuscript of this national epic, which has hitherto remained inedited, and the Council are induced to believe that this copy would form a valuable foundation for a new edition. They have opened a correspondence on the subject, and they trust that arrangements will at no distant period be completed for printing the work, which has peculiar claims on this Society.

The Members need not to be apprised that the Council have for several years past made strenuous exertions for reprinting the "Breviary of Aberdeen." They have to report that this great work has now been undertaken by other parties, and on a plan so different from that originally projected, that the Council conceived that they would not be justified in taking a share in the undertaking. It has been resolved to print the work complete, and in a black-letter type similar to the original work; by which arrangement the Breviary will occupy two quarto volumes of about 800 pages

each. If the Council had resolved to purchase copies of the work for all the Members, it could only have been done at a price which would have absorbed the whole ordinary revenue of the Club for two or three years, even with the addition of a fund agreed to be raised in aid of the Club funds, by certain Members, and they did not conceive that it would be for the interest of the Club to enter into such an arrangement. Members, however, who wish to possess copies of the "Breviary," may obtain them by subscribing through Mr. James Toovey, bookseller, London. It would have been more desirable that this venerable book should have been reprinted under the auspices of this Club; but, although this has not been accomplished, the Council are induced to believe that their past exertions in directing attention to the value of the work, and their endeavours to have it reprinted, have tended materially to bring about the arrangements already referred to. Any sums contributed by Members for assisting in the reprinting of the "Breviary," will now be returned to them, or appropriated in forwarding any other of the Club undertakings, as they may direct.

The Council have to report that they have been put in possession of documents almost sufficient to form another volume of the Miscellany, and they contemplate an additional volume to this series at no distant period. In the meantime, they request that the Members will communicate to the Secretary any documents of a historical or literary character which might be suitably included in the Miscellany.

The collection of Charters of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, and of the Monasteries in Aberdeen, has been now prepared for press.

The collection of materials for a History of the King's College and University has been continued, but the archives of the venerable establishment are so extensive, and the task of selection demands so much care and time, as to make it difficult to fix any precise period for the appearance of this volume, which it is the intention of the noble President of the Club, the Earl of Aberdeen, to present to the Members as his second donation.

The Council have been put in possession of materials sufficient to form another volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the

Shires of Aberdeen and Banff." These have been partially arranged and prepared for the press by Mr. Robertson, the editor of the volumes of this series already printed, and the Council recommend that the plan adopted by him be followed out in the volumes yet to be printed.

The Council have not yet been able to obtain a key to the cipher in which the Diary of the Laird of Brodie, a senator of the College of Justice during the time of the Commonwealth, is mostly written, but they are still proceeding with their exertions to attain that object, and they are not without hope that they have been put into a channel which will conduct to a successful issue.

It has been suggested to the Council that an undertaking not unsuitable to the objects of the Club, would be the preparation of correct drawings of all the Sculptured Stone Monuments in the north-eastern district, with the view of engraving them. The Council are not unaware of the advantages which may result from a comparison of the monuments of this sort existing in different districts. A noble foundation for this purpose has been laid by Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, who has lately been at the expense of engraving, for the Bannatyne Club, correct drawings of the sculptured stones of Angus, a work which is at present occupying the attention of archæologists in various parts of the Continent, as well as in Britain; and there are numerous remains of the same class in the counties of Aberdeen and Banff, which would form a volume of great interest. In the meantime, however, the Council are not prepared to recommend that the Club should enter on such an undertaking. The historical and genealogical remains of the district, which yet remain unprinted, are numerous, and these obviously demand the first attention of the Society. The Council, however, are desirous that attention should be directed to these records of the early inhabitants of this country, and they will rejoice if any plan is set on foot for their being collected and engraved, in which the Club could hereafter take a part.

During the past year the Club has been deprived by death of the Earl of Airlie, one of its Vice-Presidents. On the other hand, his Royal

Highness Prince Albert has been pleased to become an Ordinary Member of the Society, and to acquire all the books already printed for the Members. The following additions have also been made to the list of Members:—The Marchioness of Lothian, the Earl of Kintore, Sir J. J. R. M'Kenzie of Scatwell, Bart., Mr. Henry Grimes, Leamington, Mrs. Campbell, Cawdor Castle, Bishop Ewing, Mr. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir James Carnegy of Southesk, Bart., Sir Evan Mackenzie of Kilcoy, Bart., Sir William Maxwell of Monreith, Bart., Mr. James Robert Hope, Abbotsford, Colonel Hugh Rose, and Mr. Sterritt Duff of Corsindae.

There are yet, however, vacancies in the list of Members to be filled up, and the Council will be glad to receive applications for admission addressed to the Secretary.

Other works suitable for the purposes of the Club have presented themselves for consideration, to which, however, in the meantime, it is needless to advert. Those already recapitulated are quite sufficient to furnish to the Club valuable and interesting materials for several years of active exertion.

XII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Saturday the 21st December 1850.

George Thompson Jun., Esq., Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

The Members will be pleased to learn, from the following brief statement, that the affairs of the Society still continue to thrive, and that its prospects were never more encouraging than at the present time.

During the past year the Members have received—

I. Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, from the year 1624 to the year 1645, by John Spalding. Volume first.

II. A Volume of Letters, Illustrative of Public Affairs in Scotland, 1681-84, addressed to George, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord High

Chancellor of Scotland, is now almost completed at press, under the charge of Mr. Dunn, and will speedily be delivered to the Members.

Both of these Works have been printed for the Club at the expense of individual Members. The former is the first volume of a contribution by Lord Saltoun, and the latter is a donation from Sir Robert Abercromby, Bart.

The Members will readily appreciate the generous motives which prompted these munificent gifts, whereby the ordinary exertions of the Society have been so much strengthened, and its usefulness widened.

It is through these means that the Council have been enabled to make arrangements for proceeding with several undertakings which must otherwise have been of very slow progress, or have engrossed the whole of the ordinary revenue for a time.

First among these may be mentioned a new edition of the great historical poem of "The Bruce," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen. The only inedited manuscript of this work is in the Library of St. John's College, at Cambridge, and it appears, from a collation of it which has been recently made, that from it, and the other Manuscript copies in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, a more correct text may be arranged than that of any existing edition.

The Council have been so fortunate as to obtain as editor Mr. Cosmo Innes, Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh, who proposes to give ample literary and historical illustrations, which will greatly enhance the interest and value of the original work.

"The History, Civil and Ecclesiasticall, of the Northern parts of Britain, now called Scotland," by Mr. Thomas Innes, author of the well-known "Critical Essay on the Ancient Inhabitants of Scotland," is now at press, under the superintendence of Mr. Grub.

A volume of "Selections from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen," has begun to be printed; to be edited by the Secretary.

The transcripts made from the charters and other documents belonging

to the University and King's College of Aberdeen have now been completed, and the printing of the Work, which is to be presented to the Members by the Earl of Aberdeen, will forthwith be commenced. It is to be edited by Mr. Innes.

The second and concluding volume of "The Memorialls" of John Spalding, contributed to the Club by Lord Saltoun, will be sent to press in the course of the ensuing year.

The attention of the Members has been directed on a former occasion to the desirableness of obtaining correct drawings of the sculptured stone monuments in the north-eastern district, with the view of having them lithographed for the Club. There can be no question of the value of such a work, in affording the means of classifying and comparing these with similar records of the early inhabitants of the country in other districts. With the view, therefore, of forming a fund for the purpose of hereafter carrying out this design, either by the Club alone, or jointly with other parties, the Council have set apart a sum of £110, which has been placed in bank on this account.

The following Works, some of which have been adverted to in previous Reports, seem suitable for the purposes of the Club. The materials for the greater part of them have been already arranged, and they can be proceeded with, as the circumstances of the Society will permit:—

I. A Selection from the Charters of the Earl of Rothes and Colonel Leslie of Balquhain, as well as other sources, illustrative of the History of the ancient House of Leslie.

II. The Charters of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas and of the Monasteries in Aberdeen.

III. A Volume of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff.

IV. A Volume of Miscellaneous Documents.

V. A History of the Family of Innes, with a Selection from the Charters of the Duke of Roxburghe, illustrative of that Family, and of north-country History generally.

XIII.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 22d of December 1851.

GEORGE THOMPSON Jun., Esq., Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

THE Council are pleased to be able again to congratulate the Members on the state and prospects of the Club's affairs.

During the past year the Members have received a volume of "Letters Illustrative of Public Affairs in Scotland, 1681-84," addressed to George, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, by contemporary Statesmen. This volume has been edited by John Dunn, Esq., advocate, and presented to the Club by Sir Robert Abercromby, Bart. of Birkenbog. It was believed that it would have been ready to be issued in the early part of the year, but the unavoidable engagements of the editor made this impossible.

The second volume of "Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, from the year 1624 to the year 1645," by John Spalding, is now ready, and is in the course of being delivered to the Members. It has been edited by the Secretary, and forms the concluding portion of Lord Saltoun's contribution to the Club.

The Council cannot pass on to other subjects without, in the first place, recording their sense of the great obligations under which the Club has been placed by these liberal donations, the effect of which has been most beneficial to its interests; and they feel sure that the vote of thanks which the Council now propose should be transmitted to these generous donors, will be cordially voted by the Members.

A Fifth Volume of the Miscellany of the Club has been prepared under the charge of the Secretary, and will be ready for distribution at no distant period. It contains Extracts fromold Rolls of the Burgh of Aberdeen, recently discovered, and from the earliest Registers of the Accounts of the Burgh; Letters to Dr. James Fraser from Anne, Countess of Erroll, and others, in the time of Charles II.; Documents from the Charter-chest of the Earl of Airlie, 1578-1682; Decreet of the Synod of Perth, 1206; Extracts

from the Court-books of various Baronies in the County of Aberdeen; Miscellaneous Charters and Contracts from copies at Panmure House; Birth-Brieves from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1637-1705; Missives to the Provost, Bailies, and Council of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1594-1688; and other documents.

The volume illustrative of the History of the University and King's College of Aberdeen, which is to be presented to the Club by its noble President, consisting of a selection from the muniments of that ancient Institution, has now made considerable progress at press, under the charge of Cosmo Innes, Esq., Sheriff of Moray. A portion of the great national Poem of "The Brus," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, has now also been printed, under the superintendence of Mr. Innes.

Mr. Grub, the editor of "The History, Civil and Ecclesiasticall, of the Northern Parts of Britain, now called Scotland, from the earliest period to the year 818," reports that fully one-half of this valuable work has been completed at press, and that he sees no reason to doubt but that the whole will be finished in the course of the ensuing year.

The Members have been already informed that Mr. Brodie of Brodie some time ago placed in the hands of the Council several volumes of a Diary, written by his ancestor, Alexander Brodie of Brodie, who was a Judge of the Court of Session in the times of King Charles I. and II., which is partly in cipher or short-hand. In the course of the past year, it was suggested by Sir Henry Ellis of the British Museum, to whom the Diary had been submitted, that the Council should obtain a report from an expert short-hand writer in London. They accordingly obtained the services of one of these gentlemen, highly qualified for the task; and, through the good offices of their noble President, obtained ready access for him to the British Museum, where many of the systems of short-hand used by Brodie's contemporaries are preserved. They have received a very elaborate report from this gentleman, which, while it doubtless furnishes a key to the system generally adopted by the Diarist, yet shows clearly that he did not confine himself to any system, but made use of many arbitrary signs peculiar to himself. From the parts which have thus been deciphered, it would appear

that the cipher had not been adopted solely for the purpose of concealing references to contemporary historical transactions and individuals, but at least partly for the sake of brevity—and that the time and labour which would be required in deciphering the Diary, would be very far beyond any useful result which might be anticipated.

There occur, however, many scattered notices through these volumes, not written in cipher, which are of very great interest and value in illustrating the history and manners of Brodie's eventful times; and the Council have employed a competent person to collect and arrange these occasional notices, which, however, will be a tedious work. They have recently purchased a Manuscript Diary of Sir John Lauder, Lord Fountainhall, written by him while a young man, during his residence in France in 1665-66, from which some interesting selections may be made, and these, along with the Extracts from Brodie's Diary, will form a volume of considerable value.

Reference was made, in the Report of last year, to a projected collection of Drawings of the Sculptured Stone Monuments in the North-eastern Counties, for the purpose of having them lithographed for the Club, and the Council have now to report that very considerable progress has been made in this undertaking. In the early part of the year, communications were addressed to the parish ministers in the counties of Aberdeen, Kincardine, Banff, Moray, Inverness, Ross, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney and Shetland, with the view of obtaining information regarding the localities where these monuments were to be found. On obtaining the necessary returns, the Council employed Mr. Jastresbski, favourably known by his drawings for "The Sculptured Stones of Angus," recently presented to the Bannatyne Club by Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, to proceed with the drawings of stones in the counties already referred to. In the course of the summer he accordingly made drawings of fifty monuments of the class in question. These have now been lithographed by Messrs. Keith and Gibb, and the execution, both of the drawings and printing, has given great satisfaction to the Council. It is believed that only a few monuments now remain to be executed, and, when these have been completed, the work

will be arranged under the charge of the Secretary, and distributed among the Members.

The Council are led to believe that this work will, in many quarters, be regarded as one of the most important and interesting which remained to be produced by them. The monuments in question must be regarded as the records of the early inhabitants of this country at a time when facts and ideas were commemorated by symbols, as has been common in many of the eastern countries in primitive times, and it is fortunate that correct representations of them have now been secured, and that they have thereby been rescued from the destruction which was imminent on many of them.

There are various works highly suitable for the purposes of the Club yet remaining to be printed, to which it is needless particularly to advert until its present engagements will permit of additional matter being taken up.

XIV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Tuesday the 21st December 1852.

Sir JAMES D. H. ELPHINSTONE, Bart., in the Chair.

THE Council are again able to meet the Members with a favourable Report of the present position and prospects of the Club.

The fifth volume of the Miscellany, which has been edited by the Secretary, is now ready, and is in the course of being delivered to the Members.

The text of "The Bruce," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, has now been completed at press, from an inedited manuscript in the Library of St. John's College, Cambridge, under the charge of Cosmo Innes, Esq., Principal Clerk of Session; and the completion of the work only waits for the preface and other historical illustrations with which Mr. Innes has undertaken to enrich this edition.

The printing of "The History, Civil and Ecclesiastical, of Scotland," by

Mr. Thomas Innes, from the earliest period to the year 818, is now all but completed, under the charge of George Grub, Esq.

The volume of documents illustrative of the foundation and history of the King's College and University, which is to be presented to the Club by its noble President, the Earl of Aberdeen, as his second contribution to the Members, has likewise been completed at press, under the charge of Mr. Innes, with the exception of the Preface and illustrative Prolegomena, which may be expected in the course of the ensuing year.

The Council are glad to report that great additions have been made to the collection of drawings of sculptured stones since last year. When the Council first turned their attention to this interesting undertaking, they only contemplated a collection of the monuments in the north-eastern shires. Since that time, however, the interest of the subject has been growing in general estimation, as well among the Members, as in other quarters where historical investigations are especially pursued; and, with the kind assistance of some of the Members, the Council have made arrangements for including in the volume, now in the course of preparation for the Club, every monument of the class which is known to exist in Scotland, from localities ranging between the Firth of Forth and Shetland.

Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, whose splendid volume, entitled "The Sculptured Stones of Angus," presented by him to the Bannatyne Club, first directed general attention to these monuments, lately employed Mr. Jastresbski to make drawings of many stones in the shires of Fife, Perth, and Stirling; and these he presented, free of expense, to be printed by the Club. He has also granted permission to use the drawings of his former work, which will now be included in the volume of the Spalding Club, making a collection, in all, of about 100 plates. The expense of this undertaking will be considerable, and will, for a time, curtail the expenditure of the Society for other purposes. With the view, in some measure, of obviating this result, a separate subscription has been suggested by Mr. Cosmo Innes, who has begun it with a contribution of £20 from himself, in the hope that other Members may be induced to

follow his example. The Council would be gratified if this should be the case; and they invite any Members who may be disposed to assist in the undertaking to communicate with the Secretary.

They are gratified in being able to announce that the value of this curious work will be enhanced by a dissertation and reading of the inscription on the Newton Stone, which has hitherto baffled all the research brought to bear on it, by Dr. Mill, Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Cambridge, and one of the most profound of existing oriental scholars. For obtaining this contribution, the Club is indebted to the good offices of its noble President, to whose kind interest in its affairs it already owes so much.

In the course of the past year, farther progress has been made with the transcripts from the Diary of the Laird of Brodie, and they will now shortly be completed.

The Council have lately been presented with extracts from the Diary of General Patrick Gordon, deposited in the Imperial Library at St. Petersburg, and which has lately appeared in a German translation. This gentleman drew his origin from the stock of Auchleuchries, in the county of Aberdeen, and attained a high rank and distinguished honour in the Russian service about the middle and latter part of the seventeenth century. These extracts were procured at the instance of the Earl of Aberdeen, and were made under the eye of Dr. Posselt, the editor of the German translation. They embrace, among other historical notes, the record of two visits to England, and one to Scotland, made by General Gordon in 1660 and 1686; and it is proposed to include portions of the extracts in question in the same volume with the selections made from the contemporary diary of the Laird of Brodie.

It is in contemplation to proceed with an additional volume of extracts from the Registers of the Burgh of Aberdeen, and transcripts have been made of other records, fit for the purposes of the Club. But they need not be more particularly adverted to, as some time must elapse before the funds will admit of the completion of those already noticed in this Report.

XV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Wednesday the 21st of December 1853.

Sir THOMAS BLAIKIE, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

THE Council of the Club, in presenting to the Members their Fifteenth Annual Report, have again to congratulate them on the satisfactory position which the Society continues to occupy.

The "History, Civil and Ecclesiastical, of Scotland," by Mr. Thomas Innes, has recently been completed at press, under the charge of George Grub, Esq., and is now in the course of being delivered to the Members.

The text of the venerable national poem of "The Bruce," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, has been for some time printed. The volume of "Documents illustrative of the Foundation and History of the King's College and University of Aberdeen," which is to be presented to the Club by its distinguished President, the Earl of Aberdeen, has likewise been completed at press. These valuable works, which must possess a high interest with all the Members, now only wait for the prefaces and historical illustrations with which their accomplished editor has undertaken to enrich them, and the Council are glad to be informed by Mr. Innes that at least one of the works will be completed in the course of the present winter.

The Council have to report that, in the course of the past year, very important additions have been made to their collection of drawings of "The Sculptured Stone Monuments of Scotland." Those contained in the large work, printed for the Bannatyne Club at the expense of Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, have been reduced to the same scale as the drawings made for the Spalding Club volume, and now form part of it. Besides these, there have been added to the collection drawings of several highly important monuments which been brought to light in the course of the last few months. The Council believe that, in a short time, their series of drawings will be complete, and that at no distant period the volume will be in the hands of Members. The expense attending this undertaking is necessarily very considerable; but the Council are so satisfied of the importance

of preserving faithful representations of monuments which must be considered as the earliest historical records of the country, before the progress of demolition proceeds farther, that they are willing to postpone for a short time some other works which have been under consideration, and which will be highly suitable for the Club when its arrangements will admit of their being taken up. It has to be considered also, with regard to the two valuable works already referred to, that the one is a contribution to the Members, and that the expense of the other has already been mostly defrayed; while it has been reported to the Council that one of its Members has expressed his intention of printing for the Club a Selection of Historical Papers from his family archives.

These fortunate circumstances will thus permit the Council to complete the work on "The Sculptured Stone Monuments of Scotland," without materially interfering with the issue of other volumes to the Members.

The transcripts of "Selections from the curious Diary of the Laird of Brodie," which have been proceeding for some time, are now completed. Among the other transcripts of manuscript records which are ready for the press, it is proposed to prepare a volume in continuation of the "Selections from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen," which were formerly brought down to 1630, and which contain so many minute and authentic illustrations of the state of society at the periods over which they extend.

In the course of the past year the Club has been deprived by death of two noble Members, who have been on the list of office-bearers since its foundation—viz., the Earl of Seafield and Lord Saltoun. The present representatives of these noble houses have recently been enrolled as Members, but there are other deprivations, which are irremediable. In Dr. James Melvin the Club has lost one of its earliest Members, and the North of Scotland been deprived of one of its most accurate and accomplished Latinists; while, in Mr. John Dunn, the Club must lament the untimely loss of the erudite and able editor of two of its works—a gentleman who did much in every way to promote the interests of the Association, and who, if his life had been spared, would, in all probability, have left a name known and honoured in a wider sphere.

XVI.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 22d December 1854.

Sir THOMAS BLAIKIE, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

IN the course of the past year the Members have received a large volume, containing "Selections from the Records of the University and King's College, Aberdeen." This work has been printed at the expense of the noble President of the Club, the Earl of Aberdeen, and must be regarded with great interest as a contribution of materials, not merely for the history of one of our venerable academical Institutions, but as furnishing many curious illustrations of ancient manners, and giving many aids to the student of northern genealogy.

The Council feel satisfied that they only anticipate the united wish of the Members, in recording the grateful sense which they entertain of this munificent mark of continued interest in the Society, shown by its President.

The Members have been made aware, in several previous Reports, of the progress of a Collection of Drawings of the Ancient Sculptured Stone Monuments of Scotland; and, in the Report of last year, a hope was expressed that the volume would be ready for delivery at no distant period. Various causes have hitherto concurred to prevent the completion of the work, particularly the desire to make the collection complete, by including several interesting monuments in Aberdeenshire which were disinterred by recent railway operations, and various pillars in other districts, which, having been but little known, were only recently reported to the editor.

Drawings of the former have been already obtained and lithographed; and Mr. Gibb, the artist employed by the Club, is at present engaged in obtaining drawings of the rest, so that there is now no reason to doubt of the speedy issue of the volume, which has assumed a magnitude and importance beyond what was originally contemplated, but which, as the Council believe, amply justify them in appropriating so large a portion of the funds of the past year to this undertaking.

They beg to direct attention to a handsome contribution, by Cosmo Innes, Esq., of £20 towards the expense of this volume.

The Council have to report that a selection of papers from the charter-room at Cawdor is to be presented to the Members by their noble owner, the Earl of Cawdor, and that the work is at press, under the charge of Mr. Innes.

The curious extracts from the Diary of Alexander Brodie of Brodie, who was a Senator of the College of Justice in the time of Charles I. and the Commonwealth, have now been arranged, and the first portion of the work has been sent to press under the charge of Joseph Robertson, Esq.

Mr. Robertson has also agreed to edit, for the Club, "Selections from the Diary of General Patrick Gordon," of which a transcript was some time ago obtained from the original work in the Royal Library at St. Petersburg, through the good offices of the noble President of the Club.

The editor of "The Bruce," by John Barbour, Archdeacon of Aberdeen, reports, that in the course of the ensuing spring months he hopes to be able to complete his preface and other illustrations of that work.

Several small historical papers have been obtained, which will be suitable for a volume of Miscellanies; and the Council will feel obliged to Members, who may be in possession of such documents, to communicate them to the Secretary.

It is proposed, as soon as it may suit other arrangements, to proceed with an additional volume of extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen, under charge of the Secretary.

In the course of the past year the Club has been deprived by death of several Members, who have been steady supporters of the Society since its commencement. Among these are Sir William Gordon Cumming of Altyre, Bart., Lord Medwyn, Lord Cockburn, Lord Rutherfurd, Dr. M'Pherson, and Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar, in the last of whom the Society has specially to deplore the loss of a most valuable friend, who in many ways aided its exertions and contributed to its works.

XVII.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 21st December 1855.

General TURNER of Menie, C.B., in the Chair.

THE Council, in presenting their Report to the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Members, can still congratulate them on the position and prospects of the Club.

The expectations which the Council held out in their last Report, as to the speedy issue of one or more works, have not indeed been fulfilled, but the Members will easily understand how many contingencies are involved in arrangements where the editors can only give occasional intervals of their leisure to the work.

Mr. Innes was interrupted by other engrossing calls on his time in the completion of the preface to Barbour's "Bruce," in the early part of the year, but he states that the greater part of it is now written, and that the first portion of it has already been printed.

The Secretary reports that the prefatory matter to the volume of "Sculptured Stones" has now been completed and partially printed. In the course of the year various interesting additions have been made to the Drawings of these monuments, which will now be included in the present volume. During the same period, various excavations have been made round some of these stones, the results of which will be stated in the preface.

The Council have to report that Beriah Botfield, Esq., M.P. for Northamptonshire, and a Member of the Club, has agreed to present, as his contribution, the Diary of General Patrick Gordon, and that the work is at press under the charge of Joseph Robertson, Esq.

Some progress has been made in printing the selection of papers from the Charter-room of Cawdor, under charge of Mr. Innes, which is to be presented to the Members by the Earl of Cawdor.

The Council have made arrangements for continuing the series of volumes of "Illustrations of the Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and

Banff," and Mr. Francis Shaw is at present engaged in arranging the Charters and other documents of which it will be composed.

On its completion, it is proposed to print an index to this and the two preceding volumes.

The Council are desirous of preparing a similar volume, illustrative of the topography and antiquities of Kincardineshire; and if the landowners of that county prove as ready as those in Aberdeen and Banff shires have done to give access to their charters and papers, there will be no difficulty in forming a valuable collection from such sources, along with the collections already transcribed for the Club.

It is proposed to proceed with another volume of extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen, for which some valuable additions have recently been obtained, the Diary of the Laird of Brodie, the Chartulary of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, a Collection of Charters of Monasteries north of the Dee, and with the Genealogy of the Family of Innes, at such times as the arrangements of the Club will permit.

XVIII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 22d December 1856.

Sir Thomas Blaikie, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

The Council have to offer a brief but satisfactory account of the present position of the Club.

In the course of the past year, the Members have received copies of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland,"—a work which was commenced nearly five years ago. The Council are gratified to think that it has fallen to the lot of this Society to collect authentic representations of the earliest class of historical monuments in the country, and that a sure basis has thus been laid for the farther investigation of a very interesting subject. The Council believe that this work of the Club may lead to a higher appreciation of these venerable remains of ancient Scottish art, and to their more careful preservation in future; while they trust that it may also be the

means of drawing attention, with the view of similar illustration, to a class of Sculptured Crosses, of more recent date but of great beauty and interest, scattered along the West coast, and throughout the Western Islands of Scotland.

The Council have to report that Archdeacon Barbour's "Bruce," edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq., is now in the hands of the binder, and will be speedily delivered to the Members.

A volume of Charters and other documents illustrative of the Topography of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, has made considerable progress at press under the charge of Mr. Shaw and the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Robertson; and there are materials for another volume already transcribed.

Some farther progress has been made in printing a volume of papers from the Charter-room at Cawdor, which is to be presented to the Club by the Earl of Cawdor.

Mr. Robertson reports that greater time has been consumed in the collection of materials for illustrating the Diary of General Patrick Gordon than he had anticipated, but that the work is now fairly at press, and will go on without farther interruption.

Various works have been more or less under consideration, which would form suitable additions to those already printed for the Club. The Council may content themselves at present with bringing under the notice of the Members a suggestion which has been made to them for the preparation of a volume of Engravings of Eminent Men of the North-eastern Counties, from their portraits by George Jamesone, with biographical sketches of the individuals represented. It will be for the Club to determine whether this work shall be undertaken or not.

The Council trust that their successors in office, besides bringing to a close the series of extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, as well as the Collections on the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, already referred to, may be able to issue, at no distant date, a volume of selections from the Diary of the Laird of Brodie.

XIX.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 21st day of December 1857.

JOHN WEBSTER, Esq., Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

THE Council have to report to the Members the satisfactory state of the Society.

The third volume of "Illustrations of the Topography of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," conducted through the press by Mr. Francis Shaw, under the editorial superintendence of Joseph Robertson, Esq., is now ready for delivery to the Members.

The printing of a fourth volume has been begun, and the work will be completed in a fifth volume, which will contain an Index to the names of persons and places, as well in the four volumes of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," as in the volume of "Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff."

The volume of papers from the Charter-chest at Cawdor, to be contributed to the Club by the Earl of Cawdor, has made considerable progress at press, under the editorial care of Cosmo Innes, Esq.

The printing of the "Diary of General Patrick Gordon," of which Joseph Robertson, Esq. is the editor, has also made some progress. This volume is to be presented to the Members by Beriah Botfield, Esq.

The Council, in accordance with the resolution of last General Meeting, have presented copies of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland" to some of the principal foreign Libraries and Institutions. From most of these acknowledgments have been received, expressing favourable opinions of the beauty and value of the Work; but so far as has yet appeared, no similar monuments have been discovered in any other country, nor has any feasible theory been yet propounded as to the origin of these monuments, or the interpretation of the symbols which they bear.

This is now the Eighteenth Report presented by the Council to the Members, and a retrospect of what has been done by the Club since its institution affords satisfactory proof that the useful work which lay before

it, and which suggested its origin, has now been in a great measure accomplished.

A mass of isolated, and, in many cases, decaying historical papers, has been rescued from further risk, and placed within the reach of those who would otherwise never have seen them. Many costly volumes bearing on the History of the North-eastern districts have been printed, which private enterprise would never have ventured to publish; and the whole series of the Club volumes has been pronounced by those who have worked most on them, as materials of history, to be not the least valuable of those produced by societies having objects similar to its own.

It appears to the Council that the Club has now accomplished most of the purposes proposed by its original promoters, and that its labours may be brought to a close at no distant period. It cannot indeed be said that the materials of history in the district have been *exhausted*, but so much has been done that what remains may safely be left to the enterprise of our successors in the field.

It would, however, be manifestly premature to dissolve the Society until the volumes referred to in the beginning of the Report be finished, as these are essential for the completeness and use of the series devoted to the Topography of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff. The Council, therefore, propose to proceed with the Collections on these Shires, and prepare Indices to the whole, as already suggested.

The Council also suggest that it would be very desirable to bring down the Extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen to the year 1745, which might be done in another volume; and to print the Selections which have been made from the Diary of the Laird of Brodie, as well as the History of the House of Innes, with Selections from the Charters at Fleurs Castle; but this they leave for the consideration of their successors in office.

In the course of the past year the Club has been deprived by death of several Members, who have been benefactors to the Society in various ways —viz. The Earl of Ellesmere, Bishop Skinner, Neil Malcolm, Esq. of Poltalloch, William Leslie, Esq. of Warthill, John Gordon, Esq. of Avochie, John

Jopp, Esq., W.S., J. C. Brodie, Esq. of Lethen, Robert Thomson, Esq., Sheriff of Caithness, William Catto, Esq., Robert Grant, Esq. of Tillyfour.

The late Earl of Ellesmere was a Member from the origin of the Society, and contributed a volume to the Members at his own expense—viz. "Selections from the Ecclesiastical Records of Aberdeen."

The late John Jopp, Esq., was Secretary to the Society in Edinburgh from its commencement, and conducted its affairs, not merely with accuracy and care, but with such kindliness and consideration, that the Members for whom he acted feel his loss more that of a friend than an official.

XX.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Tuesday the 21st December 1858.

John Webster, Esq., Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

The Council have to report that the volume of Historical Papers from the charter-room at Cawdor Castle is now all but completed, under the editorial care of Cosmo Innes, Esq. The volume will form a contribution to the Members from the Earl of Cawdor, who has long been a Member of the Council of the Club.

The text of the "Diary of General Patrick Gordon" has now been printed, under the charge of Joseph Robertson, Esq., the editor, who hopes to complete the work in the early part of the ensuing year.

The printing of the fourth volume of "Illustrations of the Topography of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff" has made considerable progress, and, as has been formerly stated, the series will be completed in a fifth volume.

In the course of the past year some Sculptured Stones have been brought to light which were not accessible when the volume of the Club on the "Sculptured Stones of Scotland" was prepared. It is proposed to include these, together with specimens of the leading types of Sculptured Crosses on the West Coast of Scotland, in a supplement to the former volume; and some progress has already been made in obtaining drawings for this purpose.

The Council report their opinion that, before the Club brings its labours to a close, the following Works should be completed, besides those already mentioned in this Report :—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with a Selection of Charters to the Houses in Aberdeen of the Black Friars, the Franciscans, the Carmelites, and the Red or Trinity Friars.

II. Additional extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, so as to bring them down to the year 1745.

III. Selections from the Diary kept by Alexander Brodie of Brodie, Lord of Session under Charles I. and Cromwell.

IV. History of the House of Innes, with illustrative selections from the Charters at Fleurs Castle.

XXI.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Wednesday the 21st December 1859.

Alexander Thomson, Esq. of Banchory, in the Chair.

In the course of the past year satisfactory progress has been made in the business of the Club.

The volume of "Historical Papers, from the Charter-Room at Cawdor Castle," contributed at the expense of the Earl of Cawdor, and edited by Mr. Cosmo Innes, has been delivered to the Members.

The Council feel sure that they will be joined by the Members in a cordial expression of thanks to Lord Cawdor for this valuable contribution to the materials for a History of the North-eastern Districts of Scotland, and as a manifestation of his Lordship's kind interest in the prosperity of the Club.

The "Diary of General Patrick Gordon," printed for the Club at the expense of Mr. Beriah Botfield, M.P., under the editorial charge of Mr. Joseph Robertson, is now ready for the binder, and will soon be in the hands of Members.

The printing of a fourth volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and

Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff" is all but completed, under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Robertson.

A series of drawings of the leading types of sculptured crosses on the west coast of Scotland, and of some in Northumberland and Cumberland, has been made by Mr. Gibb, to be included in the supplement to the "Sculptured Stones of Scotland," now in progress, under the charge of Mr. John Stuart, the Secretary.

The printing of the "History of the House of Innes," with illustrative documents, has been begun, by Mr. Cosmo Innes, and it is proposed to proceed with the following Works as the funds of the Club will permit:—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with a selection of Charters to the Houses in Aberdeen of the Black Friars, the Franciscans, the Carmelites, and the Red or Trinity Friars. To be edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

II. Additional Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, so as to bring them down to the year 1745. To be edited by the Secretary.

III. Selections from the Diary kept by Alexander Brodie of Brodie, Lord of Session under Charles I. and Cromwell. To be edited by David Laing, Esq.

XXII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 21st December 1860.

Sir Alexander Anderson, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

The Council cannot commence their annual Report without, in the first place, adverting to the great loss which the Society has sustained by the death of its distinguished President, the Earl of Aberdeen. From the first establishment of the Club his Lordship took a warm and active interest in its affairs. Besides printing for the Members two large and costly volumes at his own expense, he lost no opportunity of promoting, in every way, the interests of the Society; and the influence on its subsequent prosperity,

which his Lordship's early confidence ensured, cannot be forgotten on the present occasion.

The Council propose that the Society, while lamenting the death of its late President, should record the deep sense which the Members entertain of the eminent services which his Lordship rendered to the Club by his zealous support, his wise counsels, and his munificent contributions.

The Society has, during the year, been deprived by death of the Duke of Richmond, who has been one of its Vice-Presidents from an early period, and who showed his desire to forward the purposes for which it was instituted by throwing open the muniments of his ancient family, and permitting a selection of the more valuable charters and historical papers to be printed by the Club.

The Council have also to lament the removal by death of one of their own number, the Earl of Cawdor, whose recent contribution of a handsome volume, selected from his family papers, and printed at his own expense, is a sufficient proof of his interest in the prosperity of the Society.

The Club has also lost by death the following Members—viz. Dr. M'Donald, R.A., Mr. J. J. Roy, Avochie, Sir James Turing, Bart., and the Rev. George A. Griffin, New Abbey. All of these were early Members of the Society; and to the latter the editors of the Club volumes have been more than once indebted for information on historical points, which he was ever ready to give from the stores which his historical pursuits had enabled him to accumulate.

In the early part of the year the Members received copies of the "Diary of General Patrick Gordon," edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson, and printed at the expense of Mr. Beriah Botfield, M.P. The Council propose that the best thanks of the Society should be returned for this valuable gift to Mr. Botfield, who has on so many other occasions shown, by similar tokens, his great interest in the promotion of historical research.

Further progress has been made in printing "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," under the charge of Mr Robertson.

A portion of the drawings for the supplemental volume of the "Sculptured Stones of Scotland" has been lithographed in the course of the year, while drawings have been procured of some additional monuments recently excavated at St. Andrews, and the work will be proceeded with as the funds of the Society may admit.

Mr. Innes has made some progress in the printing of the "History of the House of Innes."

The printing of "Selections from the Diary of the Laird of Brodie," under the charge of Mr. Laing, will be commenced forthwith.

The Council suggest the printing of the following works hereafter :—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with a Selection of Charters to the Houses in Aberdeen of the Black Friars, the Franciscans, the Carmelites, and the Red or Trinity Friars.

II. Additional Extracts from the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1750.

XXIII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 20th December 1861.

William Cosmo Gordon, Esq. of Fyvie, in the Chair.

In laying their Annual Report before the Members of the Club, it is the melancholy duty of the Council to record their sense of the great loss which the Society has sustained by the demise of the Prince-Consort.

His Royal Highness, in becoming connected with this province by the ties of property and residence, was pleased to undertake the office of Patron of the Club, for which he was so pre-eminently qualified by his distinguished abilities, by his high and manifold accomplishments, and by his interest and sympathy in the pursuits of literature and art. The Council are assured that the Members of the Society will join with them in deploring an event which has cast a shadow over the nation, but must be mourned with a peculiar grief in a city and county to which his Royal Highness was so intimately related.

The fourth volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities

of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson, is now all but completed. From the discovery of new materials, it has been found necessary to enlarge the volume considerably beyond the limits originally contemplated. The printing of the text, extending to nearly 800 pages, has been accomplished, and it is hoped that the printing of the Table of Contents, containing an Analysis of the Charters and other documents which have been prepared by Mr. Robertson, will be completed so as to admit of the delivery of the volume to the Members in the early part of the ensuing year. It will be found to contain much new and interesting information on the more ancient history of the Earldom of Mar, of the Abbey of Deer, and of the families of Forbes, Fraser, Cheyne, and Keith.

The printing of the volume of "Selections from the Diary of the Laird of Brodie," under the editorial charge of Mr. David Laing, has already proceeded to upwards of 300 pages, and it is probable that the volume will extend to fully another 100 pages. The Council believe that these Selections will add a very curious and instructive page to the social history of the times of Charles I. and Charles II., during which the writer of the Diary lived.

For the supplemental volume of the "Sculptured Stones of Scotland," edited by the Secretary, drawings have been made of several monuments discovered in various parts of Scotland during the year, and progress has been made in lithographing these drawings, and others formerly made. The number of plates now completed is sixty-nine.

Mr. Cosmo Innes reports that other avocations have prevented him from proceeding during the past year with the "History of the House of Innes," but that he hopes to resume it at no distant period.

It has been suggested to the Council by a Member of the Club that a plan might be matured for preparing for the Society a volume of Illustrations of the old Ecclesiastical and Secular Architecture of the Northern Counties, combined with engravings of historical portraits, and other remains of art and antiquity. By the help of lithography and wood-engraving, and in some cases of photography, it is believed that such a volume might be

completed in a way not unworthy of the subject, without incurring any unreasonable expense. Still it would be a work which would necessarily absorb the funds of the Club for a time, and retard the completion of other works.

Under these circumstances it has been suggested that the volume might be a contribution from such of the Members as may be inclined to encourage the undertaking, and especially from those more immediately interested in the buildings and pictures to be illustrated.

The Council believe that such a volume, accompanied by popular literary illustrations of the plates, would be very valuable and interesting; and if the suggestion thus made should be favourably received by the Members, they will lose no time in taking the necessary steps for proceeding with the work.

The Member who has brought the subject under the notice of the Council offers to be a subscriber for the sum of £15. Another Member, who had agreed to contribute to a volume which has been otherwise provided for, has requested his name to be put down as a contributor of £50.

The Members will be glad to learn that the editing of the venerable "Book of Deer," a Celtic manuscript believed to be of the ninth and twelfth centuries, has been undertaken for the Club by Mr. Henry Bradshaw of King's College, Cambridge, by whom the manuscript was discovered.

The Council suggest for future consideration :—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with illustrative documents.

II. Another series of Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1750.

III. Another volume of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff.

XXIV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 22d December 1862.

Colonel J. FORBES LESLIE of Rothienorman in the Chair.

THE Council have to report that the fourth volume of "Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff" was delivered to the Members in the month of June last. This volume, edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson, contains about double the quantity of matter usually contained in the Club volumes, and will be found to supply many new and interesting facts illustrative of the Topography and Family History of the North-eastern Counties.

The printing of the "Selections from the Diaries of Alexander Brodie of Brodie, and of his Son and Successor, James Brodie," under the editorial charge of Mr. David Laing, is all but completed, and the volume will be ready for issue to the Members in the early part of the ensuing year.

Farther progress has been made in the preparation of the second volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland," under the editorial charge of the Secretary, and the work will be proceeded with as other arrangements of the Club may permit.

The following statement appeared in the Report of the Council for the last year :—

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"Under these circumstances, it has been suggested that the volume might be a contribution from such of the Members as may be inclined to encourage the undertaking, and especially from those more immediately interested in the buildings and pictures to be illustrated.

"The Council believe that such a volume, accompanied by popular literary illustrations of the plates, would be very valuable and interesting; and if the suggestion thus made should be favourably received by the Members, they will lose no time in taking the necessary steps for proceeding with the work."

The Council have to report that, in terms of the resolution adopted at the last general meeting, they issued a circular, explaining the proposed illustrated volume, and inviting the contributions of Members towards the undertaking.

From the returns made to that circular, it appears that the amount agreed to be contributed now amounts to a sum not far short of £200, besides a balance estimated at £100, which the Committee of the Archæological Exhibition of 1859 have agreed to hand over to the Club, along with an interesting collection of drawings of objects of art and antiquity in the northern counties of Scotland.

The Council apprehend that an illustrated volume could scarcely be produced in a satisfactory style for a less sum than £500, and they think it better to delay taking any farther steps towards its preparation until the sum which they have named is at their disposal. Some of the Members have offered to double their subscriptions for a certain number of years, as their contribution to the fund, and if this plan were generally adopted, the desirable object in view might at once be carried out. In the meantime, the Council request that intending contributors will communicate with the Secretary or Treasurer of the Society.

Mr. Innes hopes to complete the "History of the Family of Innes" in the early part of next year.

The Council regret that the arrangement made with Mr. Bradshaw of Cambridge, for editing "The Book of Deer," has not as yet been proceeded

with; but they still have reason to hope that this venerable manuscript will be printed for the Members at no distant period.

The Council suggest for future consideration the printing of the following works:—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with Illustrative Documents.

II. Another series of Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1625-1750.

III. A fifth volume of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff.

XXV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 21st December 1863.

Sir ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Lord Provost of Aberdeen, in the Chair.

THE Council have to report that the volume of "Selections from the Diaries of Alexander Brodie of Brodie, and of his Son and Successor, James Brodie," edited by David Laing, Esq., was delivered to the Members in the month of June last.

The "History of the Family of Innes, with Illustrative Documents," is now nearly completed under the editorial charge of Cosmo Innes, Esq.

Considerable additions have been made in the course of the year to the materials for a second volume of the "Sculptured Stones of Scotland," to be edited by the Secretary.

A few additional drawings have yet to be made, and the completion of the Work will be regulated by the state of the Club funds.

The Sheriff-Clerk of the County is in hopes that the Records under his charge will furnish suitable materials for a volume, and in that case he proposes to print it at his own cost.

At the last Annual General Meeting, a Committee of the Members was appointed to take steps for collecting Subscriptions from the Members

towards the expense of the Illustrated Volume suggested to the Club, and referred to in the Reports to the Members for 1861 and 1862.

The total amount now agreed to be subscribed by eighty-five Members is £360 : 9s., besides £22 : 9s. to be contributed if required.

As it appears to the Council that, taking into account the expensive nature of the undertaking, these sums, even with the addition of a balance of £146, available from the Archæological Exhibition Account, will not be sufficient to defray the expense of the Illustrated Volume of any considerable extent, they again draw the attention of Members to the subject, and invite those who may still wish to aid in this undertaking to intimate their subscriptions to James Hay Chalmers, Esq., the Secretary of the Committee, without delay. In the meantime, the Council will delay to take any steps in the matter until the amount of the subscriptions of the Members, after this renewed statement, is finally ascertained.

The Council have to regret the recent loss, by death, of the following Members, several of whom took a more than ordinary interest in the objects and success of the Club :—The Marquis of Breadalbane, Sir Michael Bruce, Beriah Botfield, James Farquharson of Invercauld, A. H. Rhind of Sibster, Richard Wharton Duff of Orton, the Rev. William Grant, Thomas Abercromby Duff, Dr. James Keith, Arthur Thomson, Thomas C. Leslie, John Yeats, Robert Mitchell, and Dr. Alexander Henderson.

The Council suggest for future consideration the printing of the following works :—

I. The Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with Illustrative Documents.

II. Another Series of Extracts from the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen. 1625-1720.

III. A fifth volume of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff.

IV. The Book of Deer.

XXVI.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Wednesday the 21st December 1864.

Sir JOHN STUART FORBES, Bart., of Pitsligo, in the Chair.

THE Council have to report that the "History of the Familie of Innes, with Illustrative Documents," was delivered to the Members in the month of October last. The volume was edited gratuitously by Mr. Cosmo Innes, and the Council desire to record their sense of Mr. Innes's valuable services in behalf of the Club on this and many other occasions.

The drawings for the second volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland" are now all but completed. A considerable number of these have yet to be transferred to stone, but if the funds of the Society will permit of it, this can be done so as to admit of the volume being ready in the course of the present year. Mr. Stuart, the editor, reports that his Preface, with other Introductory matter, is nearly prepared.

The Secretary reports that the "Book of Deer" has been procured from the Library of the University of Cambridge for the purpose of being printed for the Club. Through the kind offices of Lord Lindsay, one of the Vice-Presidents, the volume has been lent by the University authorities at Cambridge for a limited period, and is now in the General Register House, Edinburgh. Mr. Robertson, the editor, reports that he has transcribed part of it, and that he proposes to print the whole before the end of next April, when the period of loan expires; and thus secure the collation of the text while the original volume is accessible.

The Sheriff-Clerk of the County reports that great progress has been made in making transcripts from the ancient Records under his charge, and that he believes they will, when collected, form a volume of much value and interest.

At last General Meeting the Council reported that the funds subscribed for the volume of "Illustrations" suggested by the Club did not appear to be sufficient to defray the expense of a volume of any considerable extent, taking into account the expensive nature of the undertaking, and they

delayed to take any steps in the matter until it should be again brought under the notice of the Members, with the view of obtaining increased subscriptions.

A Statement was accordingly circulated by Mr. James Hay Chalmers, with the Annual Report of last year, and the result is that an additional sum of £67 has been promised by the Members. The Council are of opinion that the sum at their disposal is yet far short of what would be required for the production of a satisfactory volume of Pictorial Illustrations, and they have come to the conclusion that the undertaking ought now to be abandoned. They have felt also that there would be a difficulty in obtaining the services of a competent editor even if they had been in a position to proceed with the work, as Mr. Joseph Robertson, who had kindly agreed to take charge of it, cannot now do so.

It has been represented to the Council that a volume devoted to the history of the Marischal College and University, similar in design to that printed for the Members by their late President, the Earl of Aberdeen, for the University and King's College, would be a suitable undertaking for the Club, and that abundant materials exist for the purpose.

The Council readily recognise the value of the volume thus suggested, and recommend it for future consideration, as it is obvious that, having regard to the work already undertaken, such a volume cannot be proceeded with by the Club for some time to come.

Besides the volumes already referred to, the Council recommend the preparation of a concluding volume of Extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen, volume fifth of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, and the Chartulary of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas.

The Club has to regret the loss of the following Members during the present year:—Capt. A. D. Fordyce of Brucklay, C. N. Gordon of Esslemont, General Sir George Turner of Menie, James Burn, W.S., James Crauford, W.S., the Rev. L. W. Jaffray, James Westland, banker, D. M. Johnston, London.

XXVII.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on Thursday the 21st December 1865.

ALEXANDER FORBES IRVINE, Esq. of Drum, Convener of the County, in the Chair.

THE Council have to report to the Members that during the past year considerable progress has been made in preparing the second volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland." Mr. Stuart, the editor, reports that a considerable part of the Preliminary Illustrations has been printed, and that, if the artist can carry out his arrangements, he hopes to complete the work in the early part of the ensuing year. He reports that drawings of several interesting copies of early Saxon work have recently been procured, which will afford useful grounds of comparison with the contemporary Celtic art of the Scotch crosses. A highly interesting source of comparative illustration has recently been opened by the discovery of a group of sculptured caves on the coast of Fife; on the walls of some of these are many sculptures of a miscellaneous nature, among which, however, are several of the symbols so common on the Pillar-stones, Crosses, and Slabs of Scotland.

Correct drawings of the whole of these cave-sculptures have been made, and will be included in the volume referred to.

The Council have to report that, in addition to the sum of £120 received from the Committee of the Archæological Exhibition towards a fund for the better illustration of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland," there has been subscribed by Members of the Club a farther sum of £215 : 11s. This will enable the editor to complete his design, by enlarging the basis of comparative illustration, both pictorial and literary, without exhausting the funds of the Club.

Mr. Robertson reports that he has transcribed and collated the whole of "The Book of Deer," and that a series of plates in *facsimile* has been prepared by Mr. Gibb for the illustration of the volume.

The Sheriff-clerk reports that the transcripts of his proposed volume of

Extracts from the Records of the Sheriff-court of Aberdeenshire are all but completed, and that the task of selection and arrangement will now be proceeded with.

Among volumes suggested for future production may be mentioned—

I. A concluding volume of Extracts from the Burgh Records of Aberdeen, from 1625 to 1750.

II. The Charters of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas.

III. Another volume of Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff.

The Club has to regret the loss of the following Members who have died during the past year:—Professor Aytoun; W. H. Campbell, Dumbarton; Colonel Kyle of Binghill.

XXVIII.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 21st December 1866.

Colonel J. Forbes Leslie of Rothienorman in the Chair.

The Council cannot proceed to the ordinary details of their Report without recording their deep sense of the irreparable loss which the Club has sustained in the recent death of Mr. Joseph Robertson, LL.D.

Mr. Robertson was one of the two friends with whom the idea of the Club originated. In all the arrangements connected with its formation he took a warm and active interest, and the volumes which he has edited will be an enduring monument of the careful scholarship and historical precision which he brought to all his literary undertakings.

The Secretary reports that, with the view of procuring contemporary Art Illustrations of the Sculptured Crosses of Scotland, he, shortly after the last General Meeting, examined the Illuminated Manuscripts, and other objects of Celtic Art, in the Collections of Trinity College, Dublin, the Museum of the Royal Irish Academy, the British Museum, and the Bodleian.

From these and other sources he was permitted to select many valuable Illustrations for the second volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland,"

which will be found of essential service in the study of the art and history of these monuments.

Some of these Illustrations have been reproduced in the colours of the original illuminations, and from the attendant necessity of several successive printings of the plates, a delay has taken place in the artist's arrangements considerably greater than he originally anticipated, which has prevented the completion of the volume till now.

As this work is, however, now all but done, and the printing of the editor's Preface and other introductory matter has been completed for some time, the volume will forthwith be delivered to the Members.

The editor desires to express his gratification that the fund placed at his disposal by the liberality of the Archæological Committee, and of a body of the Members, has enabled him to complete his plan for the comparative illustration of the Scottish Monuments.

It has been represented to the Council by some of the Members that, considering the extent of the work completed by the Club, and the increasing difficulty of accomplishing more, it would be a wise course for the Council to announce at the present time a specific period for its being wound up.

There are other circumstances which lead the Council to the same conclusion.

In the meantime the following works are in progress—viz. "The Book of Deer" and a volume of "Extracts from the Sheriff-court Records of Aberdeenshire." The preparation of "The Book of Deer" was originally entrusted to Mr. Robertson, but his other avocations rendered it necessary for him to abandon the task some time ago. It has now been undertaken by the Secretary, and he has been promised the valuable aid of Dr. Reeves in the work. The Extracts from the Sheriff-court Records have been completed, and the printing of them will now be proceeded with.

Some of the Members have, on various occasions, expressed a great desire to have indexes to the topographical volumes printed for the Club, and there can be no doubt that, as books of reference, they will be comparatively useless without them.

The Council therefore report in favour of the preparation of indexes to the volumes requiring them; and on the completion of them, and of the other two volumes just referred to, they suggest that the Club should be wound up.

During the past year the Club has been deprived by death, besides Mr. Joseph Robertson, of the following Members:—Sir John Stuart H. Forbes, Bart., one of the Council, J. R. S. Duff of Corsindae, Sir A. P. Cumming, Bart., of Altyre, and Mr. William Duncan, an original Member, and one who took a lively interest in all the affairs of the Society.

XXIX.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Friday the 20th December 1867.

George Grub, Esq., LL.D., in the Chair.

In the early part of the present year the second and concluding volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland" was delivered to the Members.

The volume has been one of unusual expense, but the Council believe that the importance of the subject, and its general interest, will be recognised by the Members as a sufficient warrant for completing the work on the scale assigned to it.

At the last Annual General Meeting it was resolved that at the completion of the "Book of Deer," and a volume of "Indexes to the Collections on the Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff," the Club should be wound up.

With regard to the last of these, Dr. Grub, who, at the request of the Council undertook its preparation, reports that great progress has been made both as regards the Indexes and the Prefatory matter which he proposes to introduce.

The Secretary reports that a considerable part of the materials for illustrating the "Book of Deer" has been collected—that some of the Collations of the Text with that of other early versions of the Gospels have been made, and that Dr. Reeves is ready to proceed with the others. Both of these works will be proceeded with as the circumstances of the Club will permit

The Council would be pleased if these should allow of the completion of the volumes in question, and the dissolution of the Club as at December 1869, at which time the Club would have been in existence for thirty years.

In the meantime, however, it appears from a statement by the Treasurer that of the revenue of the ensuing year, about £150 will be required to defray the balances of outstanding accounts for the volume of "The Sculptured Stones of Scotland," which will of course affect the immediate progress of the works now in hand.

A suggestion has also been made to the Council by the Secretary for a small concluding volume, in which he desires to record the history of the Club, with details of the works which it has printed. The Council believe that, if there are funds for the purpose, such a volume would be generally acceptable to the Members.

With regard to the volume of Extracts from the Sheriff-court Records of Aberdeenshire, contemplated by the Sheriff-clerk, he now reports that the transcripts from these records have been completed, but that the extent to which they have run is far beyond what he contemplated when he made the suggestion to print them, and from this, as well as the unexpected difficulty attending the selection and editing of such a work, he has been reluctantly compelled to abandon his intention.

During the past year the Club has been deprived of the following Members by death — viz. Mr. G. B. Bothwell, Mr. Alexander Calder, Mr. James Hay Chalmers, Admiral George Ferguson of Pitfour, Provost George Henry, Mr. W. H. Murray of Geanies, and Mr. John Philip, R.A.

XXX.—Annual General Meeting of the Members, held at Aberdeen on Monday the 21st December 1868.

Colonel J. Forbes Leslie of Rothienorman in the Chair.

The Report of the Council must now be limited to the progress of those works which had been commenced at the date of their last Report, and

which they then expressed a hope of seeing completed before the dissolution of the Club in December 1869.

With regard to the first of these—viz. an index to the names of places and persons in the four volumes of records illustrative of the History of the North-eastern Counties, printed by the Club, Dr. Grub, the editor, reports that the arrangement is all but completed, and that the preface has also been prepared, so that the printing may be commenced forthwith.

The Secretary reports that considerable progress has also been made in the preparation of the other work, the "Book of Deer." The whole of the Text of the Gospels will be in type in the course of the present month, so that its collation with the original Codex at Cambridge may be made at once, while a great part of the Prefatory matter intended to illustrate the grants of lands by the Celtic Chiefs of Buchan to the Monastery of Deer, has also been arranged.

The Council, therefore, see no reason to doubt that both works will be ready for delivery to the Members before the final Meeting of the Club in December 1869, and they will be pleased, if it is found possible, to issue at the same time the small volume suggested by the Secretary as a record of the History of the Club and its Works.

From a Memorandum submitted to them by the Secretary, the Council are led to hope that the Subscription of next year, with the sum which they expect to realise from the stock on hand, will be sufficient to defray the expense of all the volumes now referred to.

During the past year the Club has lost by death the following Members—viz. Mr. Thomson of Banchory, who, from the outset, took a warm interest in its proceedings; Mr. Chalmers of Auldbar; Mr. Henry Cheyne, W.S.; the Hon. F. C. Drummond; the Lord Forbes; Mr. William Grant, Elgin; Mr. Gordon of Newton; Mr. John M'Donald, Arbroath; and the Rev. P. Merson.

XXXI.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen on the 21st December 1869.

The EARL of KINTORE, Lord Lieutenant of the County, in the Chair.

THE Final Meeting of the Members was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st December, in the Advocates' Hall. Among those present were—The Earl of KINTORE; Mr. IRVINE of Drum; Major RAMSAY of Barra; Major FARQUHARSON of Haughton; Mr. SIMPSON of Cobairdy; Dr. TAYLOR of Leochel-Cushnie; Dr. KEITH of Muchalls; Mr. JOHN WEBSTER, Advocate; Mr. C. E. DALRYMPLE of Kinellar Lodge; Dr. STUART, Secretary; Dr. GRUB; Mr. RUSSELL of Aden; Mr. YEATS of Auquharney; Colonel F. LESLIE of Rothie; Bailie JOHN FRASER; Mr. GEORGE KING; Mr. JOHN DUNCAN, Advocate; Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, Printer; Mr. GIBB, Lithographer; Mr. LIGERTWOOD, Sheriff-Clerk, the Treasurer; etc. etc.

Dr. JOHN STUART, Secretary, read the following Report:—

REPORT of the COUNCIL of THE SPALDING CLUB to the THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, at Aberdeen, on Tuesday the 21st December 1869.

The Council have to report the completion of the Book of Deer, under the charge of the Secretary, and its recent delivery to the Members.

They anticipated that the Volume containing the Preface and Index to the Collections on the Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, which has been completed by Dr. Grub, would have been ready for delivery at this time, and although from some delay connected with the printing, this is not the case, yet the volume is so nearly through the press that it will be in the hands of the Members in the course of a few weeks.

A Volume has been prepared by the Secretary, containing Historical Notices of the Club, Copies of the Annual Reports, and a full list of the Members.

This Volume is in type, and will be completed when the proceedings of the final meeting of the Club have been added to it.

The Council are glad to announce that the funds at their disposal will enable them to defray the cost of all these Volumes without any further call on the Members.

In conformity with the arrangements of the Society, announced in previous Reports, the present Meeting is the final one. The conclusion of a work begun thirty years ago cannot but suggest many and varied feelings in those connected with it. The loss of so many Members who, in former years, by their sympathy and labours (referred to more fully in the Secretary's Historical Notices of the Club), contributed so largely to its establishment and prosperity, must recal many mournful recollections in those connected with it; but the feeling with which the Council, on a review of the past, are animated, is one of thankfulness for the solid and varied contributions which the Club has been permitted to make to the materials of Scottish History, the value of which has been frequently acknowledged by those engaged in historical pursuits.

The SECRETARY also read the usual abstract statement of the Treasurer's Accounts, as duly audited.

The CHAIRMAN, after some introductory remarks bearing on the Report of the Council and the Abstract of the Accounts just read, referred to the work accomplished by the Club during the thirty years it had been in existence, and said it was not merely a matter of interest to this county, but to the country at large, that they had been enabled to furnish so much valuable historical information, which might otherwise have slept in oblivion. In this light, the Club's publications formed a valuable and interesting link of connection between the present and the past. He felt constrained to refer specially to the services rendered to the Club by their respected and worthy friend the Secretary, and he thought the members should prove, not only by words but by deeds, the debt of gratitude they felt under to him. It would be for the meeting to say in what way these services should be recognised. His Lordship concluded by intimating that a note had been received from the Lord Provost, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting of the Club.

Mr. IRVINE—In now performing the formal duty of moving the approval of this Report, I believe that, under ordinary circumstances, I should not

have said a single word beyond merely proposing its adoption. The Report itself is a very business-like document. It possesses the merit of a business Report, being both concise and precise, and I might have safely left it to speak for itself. But there are circumstances connected with this occasion which justify me in making a few remarks, and they shall be very few. This meeting will soon acquire something of a historical character, as being the last meeting of The Spalding Club. The Report naturally partakes of, and expresses, somewhat mingled feelings. No doubt there is a feeling of satisfaction that the work in which we have been engaged so long is now so far satisfactorily performed. On the other hand, there cannot but be feelings of regret that a bond which has associated us so long and so pleasantly, and I think we may say, so instructively, together, is now in future to bind us no longer. In so long a space of years as that during which the Club has existed, there must be necessarily many changes and vicissitudes. Some of these are recalled to us in the Report. We cannot fail to remember the many coadjutors who started with us, and who are now no longer with us. I would not wish to particularise, but two of these gentlemen I think I may mention—the late Mr. John Dunn, whose elegant accomplishments were lost to us by his comparatively early—I must not say premature death; and one to whom this Club is particularly indebted, I mean the late Joseph Robertson, whose sound judgment, and great and varied acquirements, were always readily at the service both of his friends and any body with which he was connected. The volume now to be circulated amongst the subscribers, is one perhaps as interesting, I may fairly say, as any that has been presented to us—I mean "The Book of Deer." The other volume, almost ready for circulation, renders available those great stores of local knowledge for which the counties of Aberdeen and Banff are remarkable, and which form so important a part of our collection. I must say, at this meeting, where the only duty left to us is to "fold our mantle round us ere we go," that my own feelings are those of great regret—(hear). It is not necessary for me, nor would it be fitting in me, to say more on this subject. I believe the Council have done it for the best, and as such we must all accept it. There is this consolation, however, I firmly trust, and confidently

believe, that after some time, perhaps when our productions will be more appreciated than they have been, and when the want of some such institution in these counties will be still more acknowledged than it is now, some other club will rise, Phœnix-like, from our ashes, and carry on the great work we have begun. I believe the quarry is not yet exhausted, and that, with fresh labourers, new and valuable material is still to be dug out. I feel quite sure, therefore, that this Report of the Council will be unanimously adopted; but I would still add to its merits by a sentence which I am sure will meet your hearty approbation. I am authorised by the Council to propose an addition to the Report, which I do with much satisfaction:—

That the Club, fully appreciating the unremitting care, zeal, and ability, which the Secretary, Mr. Stuart, has displayed in carrying on the correspondence and literary work of the Club, and the unflagging interest which he has taken in promoting its prosperity and success in every way from its beginning to its close, and under a sense thereof, now offer to him their best thanks for his invaluable services; and also to the Treasurer, Mr. Ligertwood, for the regularity and carefulness with which he has throughout conducted the financial arrangements of the Club.

I feel perfectly confident that this addition to the resolution approving of the Report will meet with your unanimous and hearty concurrence. To those who know the able and untiring labours of Dr. Stuart so well as those who now listen to me, it would be an utter waste of words to seek to add a single syllable to the resolution which I now lay before you. In every such society, the labours of the Secretary are always most important—in the literary department eminently so. But peaceful as we are in our own objects, it must be remembered that even we cannot carry on our labours without what are called "the sinews of war;" and it is very satisfactory that in that department also we have had our affairs in such efficient hands as those of Mr. Ligertwood.

Provost WEBSTER seconded the resolution. He said—It is always painful to part for the last time, and I have no wish at all to prolong the time of our final meeting. I think for my own part, the occasion of our

meeting is one to be very much regretted. The whole question, though now finally decided on, is one that should be looked at on every side, and I may perhaps say, in addition to what Mr. Irvine has said, why I think so. I must confess that, though altered circumstances have now rendered this step necessary, I have not been able to reconcile myself to dissolve our Society with any cheerfulness. I cannot feel, for my own part, that the objects and researches which the Society was originated to follow out, have been accomplished. I cannot persuade myself that all those materials which the Spalding Club was formed to make accessible have been brought before the public. A very wonderful change in the public feeling upon this subject has commenced since 1840, when the Club was started. No writer now of English or Scotch History would think of commencing his work without resting it upon the most painstaking thorough investigation of every material accessible to him, whether in family records or in the records of the public, and no one has the slightest regard for any biographical or historical writer whose works proceed on any other principle. No one now cares for those superficial historians who delighted our forefathers. The fact is, we must have truth everywhere—truth in history, truth in the facts, and exact knowledge in the whole matter. All our recent historians have proceeded upon that method, and a corresponding readiness has been shown by the possessors of those great stores to make them accessible for that purpose. Every one who possesses family papers is delighted to make them of use—if they can be of the least use—to the biographer or the historian. Now, it seems to me that just at the time when our Club is on the point of being extinguished, the objects for which it was established are becoming more available than ever. Those researches it commenced with are now more generally recognised as useful than they were before, and a greater facility for procuring the materials exists. It could not be expected that, holding these views, I, for one, would readily agree to the happy despatch proposed. The feeling is modified no doubt by the fact, so justly dwelt on in the Report, that the Club has already done a great deal, and that the very necessity of founding history upon fact, and the readiness of those who possess materials for forthcoming works to give access to them has been in

no small degree owing to the labours of the editors who have done the work for the Club. And, in truth, the members like myself who have done nothing but subscribe, may very safely afford to speak in this way. We are not praising ourselves; we are praising such men as Dr. Stuart, and Dr. Robertson, and Dr. Grub, and those men who have done everything for the Club, and who have brought us that meed of praise, which I agree with your Lordship and Mr. Irvine in holding that the Society has fairly deserved. Therefore, while I feel it quite right to express on my own part my undisguised regret at the dissolution of the Club, there are circumstances—apart from its future utility, which, I think, might still have been maintained—there are circumstances which render the dissolution necessary, at all events. I have no choice with the other Members but submit to the fate which has overtaken the Bannatyne Club, the Maitland Club, and other antiquarian and literary clubs in Scotland, and which is likely to extinguish every other club excepting the Camden Club. I am quite aware that the duties the Government has now taken in hand, and put in charge of the Master of the Rolls under recent legislation, in the collection of historical records, will do a great deal to supersede the work of such clubs; still, the dissolution of our Club was not made necessary by its work being superseded, or the material exhausted. However, I will not detain you longer: nor shall I add one word to what has been said of the services of Dr. Stuart, our Secretary—that will be brought more completely before you by gentlemen who are to follow me. I sit down by seconding the resolution that Mr. Irvine has proposed to you, and again expressing the sorrow and regret I feel at our meeting for the last time.

Dr. Stuart returned his best thanks for the resolution which had been so kindly proposed by Mr. Irvine. In other circumstances, he might have taken the liberty of recalling to the recollection of the Members some of the leading facts connected with the Society, and the circumstances which had contributed to its success; but, seeing that he had endeavoured to do this in the volume referred to in the Report, it seemed to him that it would be merely detaining them unnecessarily, as it was there more fully stated than he could now venture to do. He had referred to those friends by whose

assistance the mine of historical matter had been worked out, and especially he had referred to the services of his late friend Dr. Robertson, who was one of those to whom the idea of founding the Society, the shaping, and entire guidance of it, was, more than to any other, due. And for this reason he had specially dwelt on it in the little volume which would soon be in their hands. He would not detain them further than to say how cordially he concurred in the vote of thanks to Mr. Ligertwood, by whose kindly and careful guidance the finances of the club had been managed. He had passed through his hands, as they would see, £13,000 spent in works issued by the Club since its commencement.

Mr. LIGERTWOOD had great pleasure in returning thanks for the manner in which his connection with the Club had been alluded to. He only felt that he did not deserve thanks, for his work had been of a purely mechanical nature, and had been amply rewarded by the pleasure he had had in being associated with its members. He had to say, further, that in his endeavours to manage the financial affairs of the Club during the past thirty years, he would have entirely failed in supplying the funds for carrying out the great works they had published, had it not been for the indefatigable exertions of Dr. Stuart. And that difficulties did occur they might know when the income of the Club never exceeded £500, and was now down to £250, while some of the publications cost a very large sum—such as the Sculptured Stones, one volume £1600, and the other between £1300 and £1400; the Book of Deer between £700 and £800; and the ordinary volumes between £300 and £400. They would then see that, unless they had got assistance from members of the Club, who presented volumes out of their own private means, the Club would never have been able to keep together as it had done. It had frequently been the case that between three and four years' income was swallowed up in preparing one publication; and if it had not been for the efforts of Dr. Stuart, and through the liberality of the late Lord Aberdeen, Lord Saltoun, and others, who presented the members of the Club with volumes, he did not think they would have been able to have kept together so long as they had done. Dr. Stuart had been the principal working man in connection with the Club, and to him the thanks were due.

Mr. C. DALRYMPLE of Kinellar Lodge said, after the exhaustive addresses they had heard, it was unnecessary that he should add anything to the expressions of regret used regarding the winding up of the Club, or with regard to the services of Dr. Stuart, or the working of the Club generally. As the formal business had now been finished, he begged to move a sort of corollary resolution, which he was sure they would all heartily agree to. They all knew the services which Dr. Stuart had rendered to the Club during the period of its existence. It had now endured what was recognised in historical computation as a generation of men—thirty years—and as Secretary, Dr. Stuart's emoluments from the Club, he believed, had been almost *nil*, with the exception of a few volumes of books received from other Societies, and such like. He had been the mainspring of the Club for many years, and it would have died a natural death had it not been for his ingenuity and ability generally in carrying it on. Lord Kintore in his address had shadowed out what he was now going to propose, which was to present Dr. Stuart with some lasting memorial of his connection with the Club. To save time, he would merely tell them that this project was originally started by some members of the Club in Edinburgh, who asked him, as he took some interest in these matters and lived in this district, to communicate with some members of the Club, and ascertain the feeling on the subject. He had done so, and was happy to say that not a single member that he applied to failed to respond most heartily. Mr. Dalrymple mentioned a number of noblemen and gentlemen from whom he had received intimation of regret at their inability to attend, including Lord Southesk, Member of the Council; Lord Lindsay, Member of the Council; Lord Forbes; Sir William Forbes of Craigievar; Archdeacon Bisset, Lessendrum; Mr. Cosmo Innes; Mr. Leslie of Warthill; Mr. M'Combie of Easter Skene; Mr. Chalmers of Monkshill; Mr. David Laing; Mr. Gibson-Craig, Edinburgh; Mr. Leith of Freefield, etc. etc. He would add that he shared in the extreme regret of some at least of the members, that the Club was about to be wound up. There were many agreeable and interesting associations connected with it, and somehow he thought they would hardly be themselves without the Spalding Club. He would take the liberty of

reading a letter he had received from Mr. Cosmo Innes. It was as follows :—

"*Edinburgh*, 18*th Dec.* 1869.

"My dear Dalrymple—I am sorry that it is out of my power to be with you at the meeting of the Spalding Club, because I should have liked in my own person to have told the members what the Club has done for the North.

"I was not an original member, and, like many others in this somewhat conceited metropolis, I did not believe that an undertaking, such as their prospectus announced, could be carried on successfully in Aberdeen.

"I doubted the existence of sufficient materials to work upon.

"I doubted the qualities of the workmen.

"But most of all I doubted the support of the natives of the northern counties, and their interest in such a Club.

"But our eyes were soon opened. The Club, born so to say in '39, had already, in 1841, produced a capital edition of Gordon of Rothiemay's History, edited by Mr. Joseph Robertson and Mr. Grub, both of whom were soon to be better known.

"I see by the title-page that the same year produced the first volume of the Club 'Miscellany,' and I remember finding that volume in the hands of Mr. Thomas Thomson—'the chief of learned men in this our age,' as Milton said of Selden—and with what gratulation our much-loved Master hailed the work of the New Club. 'These young fellows,' he said, 'will soon go ahead of us'—and his kindly prophecy has not been belied.

"For all that relates to the history of the north—civil history and church history—for local antiquities and antique statistics of the northern shires—the Spalding has gone beyond all our other clubs.

"But it is not by the amount and value of its works alone that the Spalding Club is to be judged. To be sure it found its way to a large class of readers from the first, but it knew how to increase that class, and to increase the interest which its members took in the work of the Club, until it came to pass that college records, family charter-chests, private correspondence, all were opened to us—nothing was held back or refused that could illustrate the history of that fortunate district within which you are privileged to dwell.

"A single book—Mr. Joseph Robertson's 'Antiquities of the Shires,'—dealing with the most ancient but most authentic materials, has done for those three north-eastern counties what Surtees and Raine have done for Durham—what Plott

and Dugdale, and the authors of all the splendid and delightful county histories, have done for all the counties of England.

"It is hardly possible to over-estimate the value of such collections, or their effect in civilising a country.

"I should have liked to have said all this at our meeting on the 21st, speaking to my friends face to face, but you must take my written opinion as at least more deliberate. I give it you, put it at your disposal, not to glorify our Club at its dissolution, at least not altogether for that purpose, though I confess I am proud of its labours and success; but I have another object, and the splendid success of the Spalding Club bears directly upon it.

"The founders of the Club were, in strict truth, two men—Mr. Joseph Robertson and Mr. John Stuart.

"Mr. Robertson had some qualities so admirable, so widely admired, that, writing to men of his own county, I feel it to be out of place to dwell upon them; but I wish now to call your attention to the qualities of our Secretary, to whom more than to any other man is owing the success of the Club.

"From its commencement he had laid down a plan of operations, from which he never departed, however much he might improve and extend it, and his administration was equal to his design. He procured materials which one would have thought were merely inaccessible. The most exclusive possessors of valuable documents never excluded *him;* and those who gave at first grudgingly, became by-and-by zealous supporters, urging him on to new undertakings.

"Of his own works I need hardly speak in your presence. Yet amongst so much that is valuable, I would call your attention to the parts that have been most useful to myself.

"I have never found anything throwing so much light upon our old burghal institutions as Mr. Stuart's Selections from the City Records of Aberdeen. Even more interesting, and for some students more useful, is his condensed labour upon the old rentals of the Lordship of Huntly.

"I was asked last winter to give a few lectures upon Legal Antiquities—including the relations between landlord and tenant, and the ancient manner of cultivating the soil—in the Advocates' Library, and I found one of the best guides and authorities for old subdivisions and measurements—for old rents and duties—for the whole manner of life of the peasantry, was that old Huntly Rental with Mr. Stuart's notes upon it.

"His great work upon the 'Sculptured Stones of Scotland' seemed at first to be somewhat out of our sphere, and beyond the reach of our finances, but our

Secretary never failed! As he had educated a district to appreciate his work, he was able to train artists quite worthy of executing all his designs, and, splendid as they are as works of art, the artistical excellence is not the chief value of those volumes, which, along with the 'Book of Deer,' published only yesterday, form a most worthy crown to the labours of our Club.

"Still it is chiefly as the organiser—the life and soul of the Club, for such he is—that I would, on this occasion, ask our members to consider the long and gratuitous services of our Secretary.

How these should be considered I would not venture to suggest. When the Bannatyne Club came to its conclusion, the members presented their Secretary with a piece of plate, which has been much admired for its artistic excellence, and which is already known to the world as an accessory in a picture of Mr. D. Laing in the National Academy, by that capital artist, Mr. Douglas.

"I have gone about to enquire how such things are managed in other cases. If the members are of my mind that some worthy testimonial of gratitude and regard should be offered to our Secretary, they will be at no loss in your city for advice and assistance as to the manner of it.

"If you think it proper to appoint a committee to consider and report on the subject, I would ask to be allowed to act on that committee.—Believe me, very faithfully, C. INNES.

"Charles Dalrymple, Esq.,

"Kinellar Lodge, Blackburn, Aberdeen."

Mr. Dalrymple concluded by moving the following resolution :—

"That the Members of the Spalding Club, taking into consideration the eminent services of Dr. John Stuart, as Secretary to their Society from its commencement to its dissolution, as well as those which he has rendered to the History and Archæology of Scotland; feeling, also, how greatly the success and usefulness of the Club have been the result of Dr. Stuart's zeal, ability, and perseverance—Resolve to present him with some suitable token both of their regard and of their high approbation of his conduct and services through the whole existence of the Spalding Club—a period of thirty years."

Dr. KEITH seconded the resolution, which was unanimously agreed to.

Major RAMSAY of Barra said that after the unanimous expressions of opinion they had heard, it was unnecessary for him to say anything in

moving, as he was privileged to do, the appointment of a committee to carry out the previous resolution :—

"That, to carry out the details and arrangements connected with this proposal, a Committee be appointed, nine in number, three to be a quorum, with power to raise a Subscription among the Members, to deal with any balance of Funds in the hands of the Treasurer, and to provide a suitable Testimonial.—Further, that this meeting be adjourned till such time as it be called together again by Advertisement, when the Committee will report, the Testimonial be presented to Dr. Stuart, and the Club be finally wound up and dissolved."

Dr. GRUB seconded the motion, and proposed that the Committee should consist of the following Members :—

Mr. IRVINE of Drum.	Major RAMSAY.
Mr. COSMO INNES.	Mr. FARQUHARSON of Haughton.
Mr. JOHN WEBSTER.	Dr. WM. KEITH.
Mr. CHARLES E. DALRYMPLE.	Mr. YEATS of Aquharney.

Mr. JOHN LIGERTWOOD.

Mr. DALRYMPLE to be Convener, and Mr. LIGERTWOOD Treasurer.

The resolution was agreed to, with the addition of Dr. Grub's name to the Committee.

Colonel RUSSELL of Aden moved a vote of thanks to the Lord-Lieutenant for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

XXXII.—FINAL MEETING of the MEMBERS, held at Aberdeen, the 23d December 1870.

ALEXANDER FORBES IRVINE of Drum in the Chair.

A MEETING of THE SPALDING CLUB was held on Friday, in the Advocates' Buildings, Union Street, for the purpose of presenting a Testimonial to the Secretary, Dr. Stuart, and for dissolving the Club. Among those present were—Colonel Gordon of Fyvie; William Leslie, Esq. of Warthill; C. E. Dalrymple, Esq. of Kinellar Lodge; John Ligertwood, Esq., Treasurer; John Angus, Esq., Town-Clerk; Charles Chalmers, Esq. of Monkshill; Andrew Murray, Esq. of Allathan; W. Yeats, Esq. of Aquharney; John Webster, Esq.; Major Ramsay of Barra; Dr. Grub; Newell Burnett, Esq. of Kyllachie; James Chalmers, Esq.; George King, Esq., etc.

The CHAIRMAN said he would commence the proceedings by calling upon Mr. Dalrymple to read the Report.

Mr. DALRYMPLE said, before reading the Report, he had to state that he had received apologies from a number of gentlemen who would willingly have been present to do honour to Dr. Stuart, but who were prevented by various circumstances. Lord Crawford concluded a very kind note by saying—"I rejoice to hear throughout Scotland of Dr. Stuart's increasing reputation, for his services to the Spalding Club have been services to Scotland at large." He had also a letter from Lord Saltoun, who, as well as his predecessor in the title, had taken a deep interest in the Club. Sir James Burnett also expressed regret at not being present, but he was not in good health, and therefore could not be with them. Mr. Dalrymple then read the following Report:—

The Committee have to report that having addressed the Members by circular, inviting their co-operation, they have received contributions to the amount of £160 : 8s.

The limitation of the amount of any one subscription to a guinea on which the Committee decided, was regretted by several distinguished Members of the Club, and the communications from Members generally contain very gratifying expressions of

satisfaction at having an opportunity of joining in such a mark of appreciation of Dr. Stuart's services. To the amount already stated has to be added a sum of twenty-five guineas proffered by the Representative of his late Royal Highness the Prince Consort, which, as a gracious token of appreciation towards the Secretary, the Committee did not feel it right to decline. The whole sum raised by subscription is thus £186 : 13s. There also remained in the hands of the Treasurer, after finally balancing the accounts of the Club, the sum of £165 : 17s., making in all £352 : 10s. available for the testimonial.

The shape which the testimonial should take received the full consideration of the Committee, as also a letter to them from Dr. Stuart requesting that a portion of the funds, which it was proposed to expend in a testimonial to himself, should be devoted to the erection of a memorial cross over the grave of Dr. Joseph Robertson. The Committee unanimously resolved to adopt this proposal, which had already suggested itself to more than one of the Members, relying on the approval of the Club in carrying it out, although not perhaps within the strict limits of the purpose for which the Committee was originally appointed. The Committee further resolved that a portrait of Dr. Stuart, to be presented to him and his family, together with a piece of plate, each bearing a suitable inscription, would be the best form in which to carry out the wishes of the Club. A Sub-Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Irvine of Drum and Mr. Cosmo Innes, with power to effect all necessary arrangements, on the understanding that they should have the assistance of other Members resident in Edinburgh—viz. Mr. J. Gibson-Craig, Mr. David Laing, and Mr. W. F. Skene, of which power the Sub-Committee willingly availed themselves.

Arrangements were subsequently made with Mr. George Reid, A.R.S.A., an artist of great and rising reputation, and a native of Aberdeen, for the execution of the portrait, and the Committee have no doubt that the result of Mr. Reid's labours will afford satisfaction to the Members of the Club, both as a work of art and as a likeness of Dr. Stuart.

The Committee were much gratified by an offer from Mr. James Drummond, R.S.A., F.S.A. Scot., to furnish designs both for the memorial cross and for the presentation plate, and of which they gratefully availed themselves. The first has been committed to Mr. D. W. Stevenson, sculptor, Edinburgh, but, from the extent of ornamental work in the design, it is not expected to be ready for erection before the end of February. A drawing of the cross by Mr. Drummond is submitted to the meeting. The piece of plate has been executed by Messrs. Crichton, silversmiths, Edinburgh.

No one can fail to be impressed with the beauty of these as works of art, nor with the appropriateness with which details, taken from the finest ancient Scottish

monuments, have been blended in the memorial cross, while the peculiar ornamentation and devices of the "Sculptured Stones," with which Dr. Stuart's name is so intimately associated, are as happily introduced in the delicate enrichments of the cup.

The Club are greatly indebted to Mr. Drummond for these designs, which were to him a labour of love.

The Members will be pleased to learn that engravings, both of the portrait and the memorial cross, will be given in the Historical Notice of the Club, which will soon be delivered to the Members.*

The CHAIRMAN said—The Report which has now been read in your hearing sets forth clearly, and in sufficient detail, the actings of the Committee in carrying out the resolution come to at last meeting. It is matter of very great satisfaction that we are about to mark by something of a fitting memorial the grave of one to whom not the Spalding Club only, but Scottish History and Scottish Antiquities owe so much as they do to Joseph Robertson. He has himself, indeed, left us his writings—fewer, indeed, than his friends hoped they might be, but which will continue to be read so long as the history of our country continues to interest the intelligent world—left a monument far more lasting than any stone we can raise. Yet we will willingly do what in us lies to show the respect we have to his memory, and it may be to stir up others to follow in his footsteps. The noble, clear, and well-balanced intellect of Robertson is indeed given to few; but we may strive at least to follow him in that search after truth, and truth only, in historical investigation, and his vast unwearying industry. He was one with whom whatever was given him to do was pursued with heart and soul. Among those who joined with Joseph Robertson in the formation of the Club, and had his real and constant friendship, several, I am glad to think, yet remain, particularly Professor Cosmo Innes, of Edinburgh, and the learned author of "The Ecclesiastical History of Scotland," whom I am glad to see, in Parliamentary phrase, "in his place," and whose accurate and learned work has received the approval of the most competent judges, notably of Dean Stanley, in a course of lectures lately delivered in New College, Oxford. Our respected friend Mr. Stuart is also

* An engraving of the Portrait, by Mr. R. C. Bell, fronts the title-page, and a drawing of the Memorial Cross is inserted at page 110. The Cross itself has been erected in the Dean Cemetery.

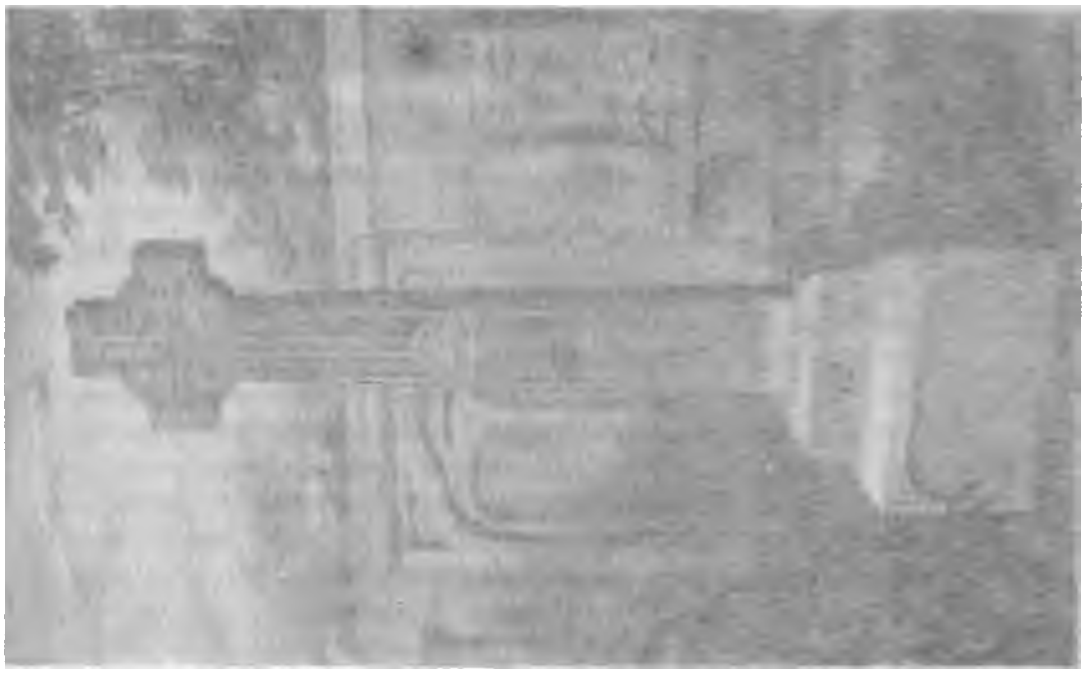
one of those who took a leading part in the formation of the Club. There remains, then, for me only the pleasant duty of making over to our esteemed Secretary these substantial and visible memorials in which your resolution has taken shape. These, I need not say, speak for themselves. The piece of plate has taken its form and shape under the willing and able superintendence of Mr. J. Drummond, R.S.A., no less eminent as an antiquary than as a painter, and has been executed by the skill of Messrs. Crichton—a combination which carries us back to the past and purest ages of art, when the greatest artists and the most skilful workers in metal co-operated together, and sometimes, like Benvenuto Cellini, combined both accomplishments in the same person. This piece of plate, by the skill of the makers, will form a not inappropriate remembrance of those literary researches in the history of our race, in which Mr. Stuart has been engaged in our behalf. That the portrait is highly creditable to the artist will, I am sure, be readily admitted, and you will be glad to learn that its merit has secured Mr. Reid a commission to paint the portrait of another distinguished northern—Dr. Thomas Keith. It is, then, with much pleasure and satisfaction—enhanced by personal friendship—that in your name I make over to Dr. Stuart the plate and portrait. I fear I must deliver them to him by what lawyers call *constructive or symbolical delivery*, the size of both objects preventing me from placing them literally in his hands. I trust most cordially that he may live long to enjoy them; for, much as we may appreciate the portrait, we pride ourselves in having the original with us; and hope these gifts will be accepted as some evidence that the literary work of more than thirty years, ably, zealously, and faithfully performed, is not unappreciated by the members of what I fear I must now call *the late* Spalding Club.

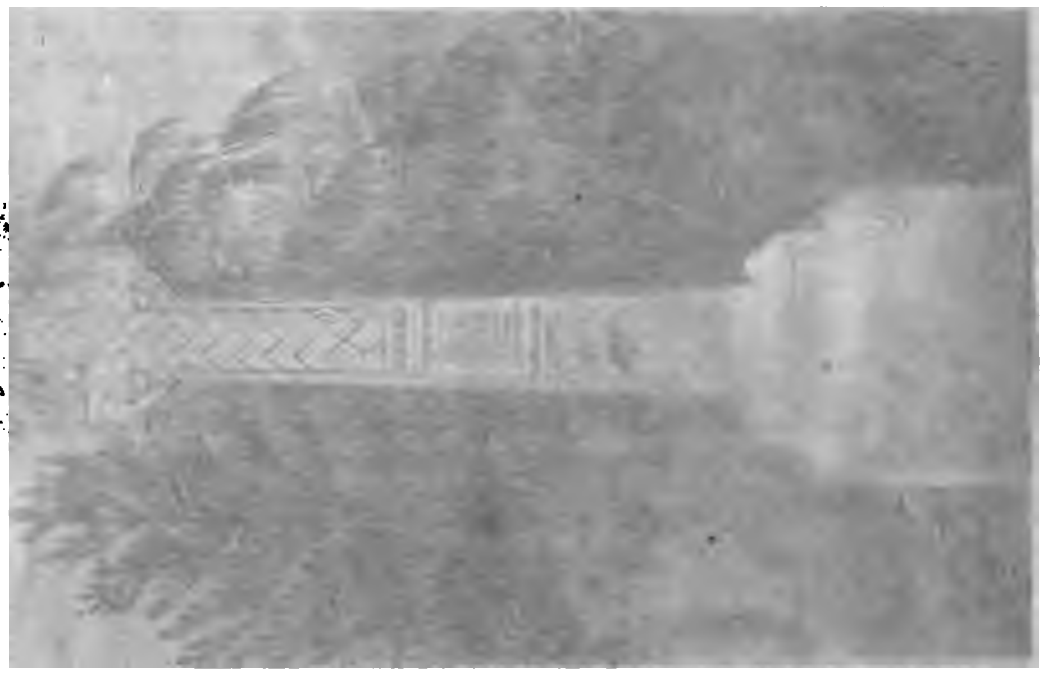
Dr. Stuart, in reply, said—Our arrangements preclude the necessity of saying much on the present occasion; and yet I may be allowed to remark how impossible it is to see the termination of what has been an object of interest and exertion for so many years, without various and conflicting emotions. Having endeavoured in the little volume, which will soon be in the hands of the members, to trace the fortunes of the Club, and spoken of those to whom it has been so greatly indebted, I will confine myself at present to the expression of those feelings of gratification which the conduct of its

affairs has conferred on me. From the very outset I received the confidence of the many owners of family papers, from which such valuable materials for history have been gleaned. The same unrestricted access was accorded to the stores in public collections—such as those of the Universities and the Burgh. In the course of our existence, I have, by the aid of the Club, been enabled to carry out a pursuit which I had much at heart; I have gained many associates whose friendship will be a prize long after the bond which first united us has been dissolved; and now, at the conclusion of our labours, I have been rewarded by the token of approbation which has just been presented to me. I will not weary you with words of thanks, and I will simply say that I appreciate your confidence and approbation, and am sincerely grateful for the present expression of it. If anything had been wanting to enhance my gratification, it has been added in the kind arrangements of the Committee, who secured the services of my friend Mr. Reid for the portrait—a man who, with his great talents, combines no less modesty, and will, if I am not greatly mistaken, add another name to the roll of worthy sons who have conferred lustre on the "Brave Toun;" while in the decoration of the piece of plate they availed themselves of the skill of Mr. Drummond, which in the department of Celtic ornamentation is unrivalled; and lastly, I may be permitted to say that it is no small pleasure to have received the gift at the hands of an early friend, as well as a friend of the Club, whose attendance at our meetings was always felt as an encouragement by the working hands, and whose well-stored charter-room has supplied many valuable contributions to its volumes of county antiquities.

The CHAIRMAN then said—Gentlemen, but one duty now remains for me to do, and it has been imposed upon me, I think, as a piece of refined cruelty. It is well known that few resisted more than I did the winding up of this Club, and now the Members have put into my hands a formal resolution for its dissolution. If that is not adding insult to injury, I do not know what is. There has been but one omission made, the cup which we see before us is empty. It might have been filled with some generous liquid, that we might have drunk to the obsequies of the Club. I now formally declare the Club dissolved.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.





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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE SPALDING CLUB.

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An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members who, since the date of their admission, have died, or have withdrawn from the Society.

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†*Abercromby, Sir Robert, Bart., of Birkenbog.
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*Aberdeen, George John James Hamilton Gordon, Earl of.
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Aberdeen, The Town of.
Academy, The Royal Irish, Dublin.
Acheson, Lord.
†*Adam, James, Editor *Aberdeen Herald*, Aberdeen.
†*Adam, John, of Scobbach, Turriff.
Advocates, The Faculty of.
Advocates, The Society of, Aberdeen.
†*Ainslie, Philip Barrington, St. Colme House, Fifeshire.
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*Airlie, Earl of—The Right Hon. David Ogilvy.
*Alexander, John, Advocate, Edinburgh.

†*Alexander, John, Merchant, Liverpool.
†*Alexander, William, Manufacturer, Villafield.
*Alexander, William, W.S., Edinburgh.
†*Allan, Alexander, Advocate, Aberdeen.
† Allan, John, Merchant, Elgin.
†*Allardes, James, of Boynsmill, Forgue.
†*Allardyce, William, Merchant, Aberdeen.
† Allen, Major A. Stewart, Cawnpore.
*Anderson, Alexander, LL.D., late of Addiscombe, Inverurie.
† Anderson, Sir Alexander, Advocate, Aberdeen.
†*Anderson, The Rev. Archibald, Crathie.
*Anderson, Charles, Advocate, Edinburgh.
†*Anderson, John, Merchant, Liverpool.
*Anderson, The Rev. William, 15 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh.
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†*Angus, George, of Tilliecorthie, Aberdeen.
† Angus, John, Town-clerk of Aberdeen.
*Angus, William, LL.D., Glasgow.
†*Annand, William, of Belmont, Aberdeen.
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†*Arbuthnott, John, Viscount.
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†*Blaikie, John, Advocate, Aberdeen.
†*Blaikie, John, of Devanha, Aberdeen.
*Blaikie, Sir Thomas, Aberdeen.
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†*Bower, The Rev. John, Maryculter.

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Mackenzie, Keith Stewart, of Seaforth.
*Mackenzie, Lewis M., of Findon.
*Mackenzie, Roderick, of Glack.
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*Mann, The Rev. William, Blairs.
†*Manson, John, Old Meldrum.
†*Manson, The Rev. John, Fyvie.
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Mathieson, Alexander, of Ardross, M.P., Alness.
*Matthews, James, Architect, Aberdeen.
Maxwell, Sir William, of Monreith.
†*Medwyn, Lord.
*Mellis, James, Elgin.
†*Melvin, George, Master of Gordon's Hospital, Aberdeen.

†*Melvin, James, LL.D., Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen.
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*Merson, The Rev. P., Elgin.
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†*Miller, John, M.D., Edinburgh.
*Miller, John, *Gazette* Office, Forres.
†*Miller, The Rev. Robert Milne, Aboyne.
*Miller, W. H., of Craigentinny, Edinburgh.
Milligan, The Rev. John, Twynholm.
†*Milne, George, Haddo, Methlic.
Milne, George, of Kinaldie.
†*Milne, The Rev. James, Inverkeithny.
†*Milne, William, Manufacturer, Aberdeen.
†*Mitchell, James, LL.D., London.
†*Mitchell, Robert, Merchant, Aberdeen.
†*Moir, George, Advocate, Edinburgh,
*Moir, The Rev. George, New Machar.
†*Moir, James, M.D., Aberdeen.
†*Moir, Robert, Merchant, Aberdeen.
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†*More, Professor John Shank, Edinburgh.
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*Oswald, Henry C., Merchant, Aberdeen.

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†*Peterkin, Alexander, S.S.C., Edinburgh.
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†*Philip, John, Bookbinder, Aberdeen.
†*Philip, John, R.A., London.
*Philip, Colin Allan, Advocate, Aberdeen.
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† Pirie, Alexander, junior, Aberdeen.
Pirie, Alexander George, Aberdeen.
*Pirie, Francis, Aberdeen.
†*Pirie, Patrick, junior, Aberdeen.
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†*Rodger, Robert, Glasgow.
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*Scott, Rev. Hew, Wester Anstruther.
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†*Skinner, William, Advocate, Aberdeen.
†*Smith, Alexander, of Glenmillan, Advocate, Aberdeen.
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†*Smith, Alexander, Merchant, Liverpool.

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†*Smith, George Campbell, Banff.
*Smith, James, Accountant, Aberdeen.
† Smith, James, Accountant, Glasgow.
*Smith, John, Advocate, Aberdeen.
†*Smith, John, Architect, Aberdeen.
†*Smith, John, of Crutherland, LL.D., Glasgow.
†*Smith, Lewis, Bookseller, Aberdeen.
†*Smith, The Rev. William, Footdee.
†*Smith, William, of Carbeth-Guthrie, Glasgow.
† Smyth, William, of Methven.
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†*Spalding, Professor, St. Andrews.
*Spalding, W. M., W.S., Edinburgh.
†*Spence, The Rev. Alexander, Aberdeen.
Spence, William, Solicitor, Peterhead.
†*Spottiswood, James Brodie, of Muiresk.
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St. Andrews, University of.
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†*Stephen, Robert, Advocate, Fraserburgh.
*Steuart, Andrew, of Auchlunkart.
†*Steuart, Duncan, Edinburgh.
†*Steuart, Patrick, of Auchlunkart.
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† Stronach, Alexander, of Drumallan, Advocate, Aberdeen.
*Strong, William, Bookseller, Bristol.
†*Stuart, Alexander, of Laithers, Aberdeen.
*Stuart, Charles Edward, Elean-Agais.
†*Stuart, David, Postmaster, Aberdeen.
†*Stuart, George Andrew, of Inchbreck.
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*Taylor, George S., Writer, Golspie.
*Taylor, James, M.D., H.E.I.C.S., Elgin.
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†*Thom, The Reverend Alexander, Nigg.
† Thompson, George, junior, of Pitmedden, Aberdeen.
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†*Thomson, Arthur, Banker, Aberdeen.
†*Thomson, George, junior, Merchant, Aberdeen.
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*Thomson, Robert, Advocate, Sheriff of Caithness.
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†*Thomson, Thomas, Deputy Clerk-Register of Scotland.
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†*Todd, The Reverend Andrew, Alvah.
*Todd, The Reverend J. H., Trinity College, Dublin.

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†*Traill, Dr. J. R., M.D., Monymusk.
†*Traill, The Reverend Samuel, Arbuthnott House
*Traquair, The Earl of.
*Troup, James, Drawing-master, Aberdeen.
†*Tulloch, Professor, King's College, Aberdeen.
† Tulloch, The Reverend G., LL.D., Bellevue, Aberdeen.
†*Tulloh, Alexander, Forres.
†*Turing, Sir James Henry, Bart., of Foveran.
*Turnbull, W. B. D. D., Advocate, Edinburgh.
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Turner, Misses, of Menie.
*Tytler, P. Fraser, London.
*Tytler, William F., Sheriff of Inverness.

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†*Urquhart, Adam, Advocate, Edinburgh.
†*Urquhart, B. C., of Meldrum.
Urquhart, W. P., of Craigston, M.P.

*Vernon, Thomas B., London.

†*Walker, David, Land-Surveyor, Aberdeen.
*Walker, Dr., Cupar-Fife, Edinburgh.
*Walker, John, Accountant, Aberdeen.
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*Wallace, The Rev. William, Traquair House.
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†*Watson, Alexander, Pitforthie, Glenbervie, Arbuthnott.
†*Watson, William, W. S., Sheriff-substitute of Aberdeenshire.
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†*Wilson, John, Dyce.
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Wise, Dr., Rostellan Castle, Ireland.
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*Woodford, Edward, LL.D., Edinburgh.
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†*Wyllie, David, Union Bank of Scotland, Aberdeen.
†*Wyllie, James, Bookseller, Aberdeen.

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† Yeats, William, of Aquharney, Advocate, Aberdeen.
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APPENDIX III.

THE following is a LIST OF THE WORKS OF THE SPALDING CLUB, in the order in which they were issued:—

1840.

I. History of Scots Affairs from 1637 to 1641. By James Gordon, Parson of Rothiemay. Vol. i. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq., and George Grub, Esq.

The author of this work was fifth son of Robert Gordon of Straloch, the well-known Topographer and Geographer, whose surveys and descriptions were printed in Bleau's Atlas of Scotland.

1841.

II. History of Scots Affairs. Vol. ii. Edited by Messrs. Robertson and Grub.

III. Miscellany of the Spalding Club. Vol. i. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary of the Club.

The volume contains (I.) Selections from the Straloch Papers belonging to the late William Gordon Cumming Skene, Esq. of Pitlurg and Dyce, the representative of the Gordons of Pitlurg. (II.) The Obituary of the Franciscan Convent at Aberdeen, from the original in the library of Marischal College. (III.) Trials for Witchcraft at Aberdeen 1597, from the originals among the Records of the Burgh of Aberdeen. (IV.) Letters from Professor Blackwell of Marischal College to Provost Ross of Aberdeen, from the originals belonging to Mr. Leith Ross of Arnage, 1711-12. (V.) Diary of the Rev. William Mitchell of the High Church of Edinburgh,

during his Mission in London in 1717, on business touching the Act of Queen Anne restoring patronage in 1711, and the Act of Toleration passed in 1712. (VI.) Nepenthes, or the Virtues of Tobacco. By William Barclay, M.D., brother of Sir Patrick Barclay of Towie—reprinted from a rare copy in the Advocates' Library. (VII.) March of the Highland Army, 1745, from a Day-book, kept by Captain James Stuart of the family of Inchbreck in the Mearns; from the original volume belonging to the late Dr. Andrew Stuart of Inchbreck. (VIII.) Diary of the Rev. John Bisset, Minister of St. Nicholas' Church, Aberdeen, written during the years 1745-1746; from the original belonging to the late Rev. Alexander Thom, Minister of Nigg, Kincardineshire. (IX.) Letters to James Moir, Laird of Stoneywood, dated in the years 1745-6, from Lord Lewis Gordon, Thomas Erskine of Pittodrie, Charles Gordon of Blelack, the Laird of Pitfodels, the Duke of Perth, Farquharson of Auchriachan, Lord George Murray, Lord Lewis Drummond, John Murray of Broughton, and others; from the originals belonging to the late James Skene, Esq. of Rubislaw.

1842.

IV. History of Scots Affairs from 1637 to 1641. Vol. iii. Edited by Messrs. Robertson and Grub.

V. Description of Bothe Touns of Aberdeen. By James Gordon, Parson of Rothiemay, with *facsimile* of Gordon's Map of New and Old Aberdeen, 1661:—Two views of the City by Slezer, 1696, and another view by Gregory Sharpe, 1732, and *facsimiles* of Seals of the Burgh. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq.

VI. Miscellany of the Spalding Club. Vol. ii. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

This volume contains (I.) Letters from Simon, Lord Lovat, to Charles Fraser of Inverallochy, his kinsman, in Aberdeenshire, 1740-45, in the Charter-room at Castle Fraser. (II.) Chronicle of Aberdeen, 1491-95, from the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, of the Burgh of Aberdeen. (III.) Act for delyverie of dead bodies to the Colledge of Aberdeen, 1636;

from the Record of the Privy Council. (IV.) Decreet of Spulzie of the House of Petty, 1517; from the original in the Charter-chest at Kilravock. (V.) Letters of Fire and Sword against the Clan Chattan, 1528; from the same source as the last. (VI.) Account of the Watch undertaken by Cluny Macpherson, 1744; from a copy also at Kilravock. (VII.) The Monymusk Papers, selected from the Charter-room at Monymusk, 1590-1720. (VIII.) The Arbuthnott Papers, selected from the Collection of the Viscount Arbuthnott at Arbuthnott House, 1487-1681. (IX.) Extracts from the Register of the Court of the Regality of Spynie, 1592-1601; from the original Record belonging to Cosmo Innes, Esq. (X.) Selections from the Wodrow Manuscripts in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 1605-1697. (XI.) The Pittodrie Papers, selected from the Charter-room of Colonel Knight Erskine of Pittodrie, 1525-1678. (XII.) The Errol Papers, 1188-1727, selected from the Archives of the Earl of Errol at Slains Castle. (XIII.) Papers by Thomas Innes, author of a "Critical Essay on the ancient Inhabitants of the Northern parts of Britain or Scotland," partly from copies made by Andrew Lumsden, private Secretary of Prince Charles Edward, and partly from the original letters at Ballogie. (XIV.) The Order of Combats for life in Scotland; from a Manuscript at Slains Castle. (XV.) Memoirs of John, Second Earl of Perth, from a copy in the handwriting of Dr. James Drummond, Bishop of Brechin, who died in 1695 at Slains Castle. (XVI.) Bull of Pope Urban IV. to the Prior of the Monastery of Pluskardyn, 1263, granting, among other things, the tithes of iron dug in the forest of Pluskardyn; from a Transcript by Cosmo Innes, Esq.

1843.

VII. Extracts from the Presbytery Book of Strathbogie, A.D. 1631-1654. Edited from the original Records by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

VIII. A Fragment of a Memoir of Field-Marshal James Keith, written by himself, 1714-1734. Presented to the Club by Thomas Constable, Esq., Printer to Her Majesty the Queen, Edinburgh.

IX. Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff. Edited

by Joseph Robertson, Esq. Presented to the Club by the Earl of Aberdeen, the President.

This volume contains a Map of the shires of Aberdeen, Banff, and the Mearns. By Robert Gordon of Straloch (MDCLIV). (I.) Praefecturarum Aberdonensis et Banfiensis, in Scotia Ultra-Montana, Nova Descriptio, Auctore Roberto Gordonio (MDCLI-MDCLX). (II.) Description of Aberdeenshire. By Sir Samuel Forbes of Foveran (MDCCXVI-MDCCXVII.) (III.) A view of the Diocese of Aberdeen MDCCXXXII.

1844.

X. A Short Abridgement of Britane's Distemper from the year of God 1639 to the year of God 1649. By Patrick Gordon of Ruthven. Edited from the original manuscript by John Dunn, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen.

XI. A Brieffe Narration of the Services done to Three Noble Ladyes. By Gilbert Blakhal, Priest of the Scots Mission in France, in the Low Countries, and in Scotland, MDCXXXI to MDCXLIX. Edited from the original MS. in the possession of Bishop Kyle, by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

XII. Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1398-1570. Vol. i. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

1845.

XIII.-XIV. Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis; Ecclesie Cathedralis Aberdonensis Regesta que extant, in unum collecta. Vols. i. ii. Edited by Cosmo Innes, Esq.

1846.

XV. Selections from the Records of the Kirk-Session, Presbytery, and Synod of Aberdeen, from the year 1562 to the year 1681. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary, and presented to the Club by the Earl of Ellesmere, a Member of the Council of the Club.

XVI. Miscellany of the Club. Vol. iii. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary, and presented to the Club by the following Members—viz. the Viscount Arbuthnott, Lord Saltoun, Bishop Kyle, Patrick Chalmers, Esq. of Auldbar, William Gordon, Esq. of Fyvie, Henry Lumsden, Esq. of Auchindoir, Major-General Arbuthnott, Alexander Pirie junior, Esq., Beriah Botfield, Esq., Sir William G. G. Cumming of Altyre, Bart., Colonel Fraser of Castle Fraser, Alexander Morison, Esq. of Bognie, James Ewing, Esq. of Strathleven, Alexander Thomson, Esq. of Banchory, J. W. King Eyton, Esq., Leamington, John Blaikie, Esq. of Craigiebuckler, Robert Simpson, Esq. of Cobairdy, and J. A. Gordon, Esq. of Knockespock.

The Miscellany of the Club, vol. iii., contains (I.) Letters from the Hon. James Erskine, Lord Grange, to his kinsman Thomas Erskine of Pittodrie, and Thomas Hope of Rankeillour, 1730-1741; from the originals at Pittodrie. (II.) The Book of the Annualrentaris and Wedsettaris, within the Shirrefdome of Abirdein, 1633; from the Record belonging to the Burgh of Aberdeen. (III.) Minutes of the Committee for Loan Monies and Taxations of the Shire of Aberdeen, 1643; from the Record in the Archives of the Burgh. (IV.) Summons against the Magistrates of Aberdeen at the instance of the Burgesses of that Burgh, 1591; from the original in the Records of the Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. (V.) Process against the Egyptians at Banff, 1700, being the Record of the Trial of James Macpherson and others as gipsies and thieves; from the original belonging to the Club. (VI.) List of Goods plundered from Tenents in Cromar by the Argyll men and the Parliamentary Armies, 1644-47; from a copy in the Charter-room at Drum. (VII.) Protestation by Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum against the Presbytery of Aberdeen, 1652; from a copy in the same collection. (VIII.) The Gordon Letters, being a selection from the papers at Gordon Castle belonging to the Duke of Richmond, 1562-1742. (IX.) Inquest at Keandrochit in 1428 touching the privileges of the Crozier of St. Fillan; from a transcript at Panmure. (X.) Articles

of Agreement between the Earl of Huntly and the Regent Murray, 1569; from the original in possession of the Club.

1847.

XVII. Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the shires of Aberdeen and Banff. Vol. ii. Edited by Joseph Robertson, Esq.

1848.

XVIII. A Genealogical Deduction of the Family of Rose of Kilravock, from the year 1290 to the year 1847, with illustrative Documents from the Family Papers, and Notes. By Cosmo Innes, Esq.

1849.

XIX. Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen, 1570-1625. Vol. ii. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

XX. Miscellany of the Club. Vol. iv. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary.

In this volume are included—(I.) Papers from the Charter-chest at Dun, 1451-1713. (II.) Appendix to the Dun Papers, from a MS. volume of the sixteenth century in the Library at Panmure. (III.) Papers from the charter-chest of the Earl of Airlie at Cortachy Castle, 1420-1560. (IV.) Papers from the Charter-chest at Gordon Castle, belonging to the Duke of Richmond, including Contracts, Bonds of Manrent, and a Rental of the Lordship of Huntly in 1600. (V.) Two Letters of 1746; from the originals at Meldrum House. (VI.) Instrument on the ducks of S. Cuthbert; from a volume entitled "Sasine Register, 1484-1501," belonging to the Burgh of Aberdeen.

1850.

XXI. Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, from the year 1624 to the year 1645. By John Spalding. Vol. i. Edited

by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary; and presented to the Club by Lord Saltoun, one of the Vice-Presidents.

1851.

XXII. Letters illustrative of Public Affairs in Scotland, 1681-84, addressed to George, Earl of Aberdeen, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, by contemporary Statesmen. Edited from the originals at Haddo House, by John Dunn, Esq.

XXIII. Memorialls of the Trubles in Scotland and in England, 1624-45. By John Spalding. Vol. ii. Edited by John Stuart, Esq., Secretary; and presented to the Club by Lord Saltoun.

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